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SMA testifies on Army's quality of life issues

By Staff Sgt. Reeba Critser

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – While Army generals testified on the progress of the Global War on Terrorism last week, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston was fighting for Soldiers on another front – their quality of life.

“We recruit Soldiers and retain families,” Preston said during opening statements to members of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Feb. 16 on Capitol Hill.

“Our servicemen and women are at the forefront of change and this subcommittee can help them,” said New York Rep. James Walsh, chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, in his opening statement. “If we do our jobs and take our responsibility seriously and make sure



STAFF SGT. REEBA CRITSER

New York Rep. James Walsh, chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, gives his opening remarks to the highest ranking enlisted leader of each branch before hearing their testimonies Feb. 16 on Capitol Hill.

our people are taken care of, our people will do better jobs.”

The subcommittee members questioned Preston and the other three senior enlisted leaders, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada, Master

Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray on various issues. The general consensus was childcare and housing were immediate issues to address in the military.

All the leaders reported thousands in their branches waiting to receive on-post childcare.

“It’s a huge challenge,” Preston said. “The demographics show most spouses in the Army work. And with both parents working the need is high for childcare.”

With housing, Preston said even with the basic allowance for housing increase, the Army is seeing more of an increase in Soldiers living on posts thanks to privatization.

A question a subcommittee member asked was about deployments.

“There is tension with back-to-back

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Memorial March



SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Capt. James Martin, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 728th Military Police Company, pushes himself through the last mile of the 13.1-mile Bataan Memorial Death March qualifier at Camp Casey Saturday. See related story, Page 5.

Army outlines eligibility for Close Combat Badge

By Eric Cramer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- A new badge recognizing troops who have been in combat will debut in March, Lt. Gen. F. L. Hagenbeck, Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, said today.

The Close Combat Badge will recognize specific Armor, Cavalry, Field Artillery and Combat Engineer Soldiers, colonel and below, serving as infantry in units purposefully reorganized to routinely conduct infantry-unique close combat missions and personally present and under fire while conducting those types of missions.

The way the badge will look has not yet been determined. Although it will begin to be awarded in March, Hagenbeck said it will probably be autumn before the badge appears in clothing sales stores.

Major generals will have the award authority on the new badge.

Hagenbeck said the badge is designed to recognize the efforts of Soldiers in units which have been reorganized and used as infantry, and will be retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001.

“This notion came from commanders in the field. They said, very specifically, that we’ve reorganized, for example, field artillery units and created infantry-like formations. They’re mirroring what our 11B infantry do, they should get the CIB, or we need to create a Close Combat Badge,” Hagenbeck said.

He said the Army convened a panel of retired Soldiers, including several generals, to determine who would qualify for such a badge, and whether it was needed.

“There was a lot of discussion, but there was consensus that these Soldiers ought to be recognized,” he said.

The general said the goal was to recognize these Soldiers without any impact on the 60-year tradition of the CIB.

“It’s a highly emotional issue,” Hagenbeck said. “In the past, you could, for example, have a forward artillery observer attached to an infantry unit. He’s on the same patrols and he is getting shot at by the same enemies, but he’s not eligible for the CIB.

“He wouldn’t be eligible for the CCB, either. It’s strictly for those people who we’ve pulled out of their tanks and away from their guns and used to perform infantry missions.

He said the combat patch worn by all Soldiers in a combat zone will remain the visual symbol for Soldiers who have served in a combat theater. The CCB is awarded only to those who meet its specific criteria.

“Everyone is in danger on today’s 360-degree battlefield,” Hagenbeck said. “This recognizes those deliberately planned offensive combat missions designed to close with the enemy and destroy or capture them.”

MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ Military Police were notified by a Soldier's command of a domestic assault that occurred between the Soldier and his wife. According to the Soldier's command a 72-hour separation period was ordered. The Soldier and his wife were contacted by military police investigators and asked to report to the MP station. Further investigation revealed the two were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical when the Soldier's wife struck the Soldier in the face with an open hand. The Soldier then pushed her away from him and into a wall. After striking the wall, she advanced toward the Soldier and was struck in the face with his the elbow. They both reported to the military police station where they were advised of their legal rights, which they waived rendering a sworn written statement admitting to the above offense and were further processed. The Soldier's wife was released on her own recognizance. The Soldier was released to his unit. Investigation continues by MPI.

■ United States Army Criminal Investigation Command was notified by an on-post bank of counterfeit money orders negotiated at the bank. Preliminary investigation revealed that a Soldier negotiated 10 money orders at the bank for the amount of \$9,450. The Soldier was advised of his rights and provided a sworn statement to USACIDC denying he had prior knowledge that the money orders were counterfeit. He stated that the money orders were mailed to him from an unknown female that's reportedly from another country. The unknown female asked the Soldier to cash the money orders for her and then wire the money back to her. This was allegedly in preparation for their intended rendezvous in Korea to further develop the intimacy of their relationship. Efforts are on-going to coordinate with postal inspectors. Investigation continues by USACIDC.

■ The military police were notified of a larceny of Army and Air Force Exchange Service property. Investigation revealed that a Soldier was observed via closed circuit television placing one DVD inside his beret and then place it inside of his jacket pocket. He then exited the store without rendering proper payment for items in his possession. The Soldier was detained by store security until the arrival of the military police. The Soldier was transported to the MP station where he was advised of his legal rights, which he invoked, requesting a lawyer. The Soldier was released to his unit. All merchandise was returned.

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Race team acknowledges troops' sacrifices

By Maj. William Thurmond
Army News Service

If you have ever watched a NASCAR race, either in person or on TV, you could not help but notice the impact modern corporate marketing has had on the nation's fastest-growing spectator sport.

For example, the field for Saturday's Hershey's Take 5 300 at Daytona Raceway contained 43 racecars, each colorfully adorned with the logos of their many sponsors.

The paint schemes on these NASCAR Busch Series racers featured household names like McDonalds and Fruit of the Loom. Others sported the names of relatively obscure products, such as "Boudreaux's Butt Paste" (a baby product, in case you were wondering whether to keep reading or notify the authorities).

But one of the cars did not glorify commerce. It asked for fans' support, but not for a product available in stores. It simply asked for you to pray for Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines.

The number 72 'Pray 4 Our Troops' Chevrolet was driven by veteran driver Donnie Neuenberger. A cancer survivor, the race marked his

return to racing following his treatment for Follicular Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. According to information on his Web site, he is "...currently in partial remission and will continue a maintenance program

is an honor."

Neuenberger credited both his experience with cancer and his personal desire to recognize the sacrifices of military men and women as motivating him to stay focused.

"I can leave here tomorrow as long as I know that I gave 110 percent. I would never quit. I am very fortunate to be able to do this," said Neuenberger. "I believe that you can do anything you want to if you put your mind to it and you're willing to sacrifice enough."

Donnie Neuenberger
NASCAR driver

"Anytime you can do anything ... to help remind people that we have so many people protecting this country, you just can't lose with that."

over the next two years."

P4OT.com is a grassroots organization dedicated to encouraging prayer and support for American military forces around the globe.

"You get this busy world that we're in, and we can forget that we have loved ones, friends and family overseas," said Neuenberger. "Anytime you can do anything in a forum like this to help remind people that we have so many people protecting this country, you just can't lose with that."

I think this is very important. I'm 100 percent behind everything our military does. For me, driving this car

It would be great to end this by telling you that Neuenberger's car finished the day in Victory Lane, but that didn't happen. His Chevy suffered engine problems and had to drop out of the race just a few laps shy of the finish.

You might be tempted to say his team lost the race, but you'd be wrong. During its 100 laps around the track, the car's distinctive logo was seen by thousands of NASCAR fans in the stands. And millions more watched on TV.

A small group of people spent a lot of their own money to encourage folks to pray for troops like you and me.

And if I know NASCAR fans, they did.

Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

What would you do if you were USFK commander?



"I would enforce more designated smoking areas on each installation." —Sgt. 1st Class Bruce C. Simpson, HHD, 1994th Maint. Bn., Camp Humphreys



"I would revise the curfew policy and have a two-month period where servicemembers can prove they don't need it." —Spc. Dennis Miller, HHC, 8th PERSCOM



"Reconsider the policy that restricts driving privileges of E6 and below." —Cpl. Park Wan S., 3rd Force Service Support Group, Marines Liaison Team, Camp Henry



"I'd open up more jobs for spouses." —La Vita Vincent, Army Community Services, Camp Humphreys

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Reunion In Korea

Bring your family to Korea for a visit with United Service Organizations' Reunion in Korea program. The USO will organize flights, hotels, tours and more. The next Reunion in Korea program dates are April 18-21 (payment deadline is March 12). The application deadline for these dates is Saturday. For information, call the USO at Camp Kim at 724-7781/3301 or visit www.uso.org/korea.

Road Closure

East- and west-bound lanes on 10th Corps Boulevard will be closed thru March 9 from Vaughn Avenue to Teleford extension. An alternate route includes a detour around Lombardo Field, using Vaughn Avenue as a two-way lane.

Residents are encouraged to keep abreast of the change to vehicle and pedestrian traffic-flow in this area, as well as postings for speed limits. For information about these and other road closures, call DPW Roads and Grounds, DSN 738-4168.

Estate Claim Notices

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Sgt. 1st Class Edward A. Moore, who died Jan. 16. He was the NCOIC of the Casey-Hovey Range Control Center. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact Maj. Jeffery Watson at 723-6856 or jeffrey-watson@korea.army.mil.

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Pfc. James Miller VI, who died Jan. 30. Miller was a Medical Services Corps Soldier. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact Maj. Sylvia Bennett at 768-8858 or sylvia.bennett@korea.army.mil.

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Daniel O. Jordan, who died Jan. 24. Jordan was a civilian employee working for the 55th TMMC. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact 2nd Lt. Michael Rosa at 768-8601 or michael.rosa@us.army.mil.

Product Recall

Trampolines manufactured by JumpKing of Mesquite, Texas are being voluntarily recalled in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This recall affects the following JumpKing Trampolines: Item# 491641040; UPC # 745754000943; Style# JKXT14WSA; CRC# 8811598. The recall is to correct problems with welds on the frames of 14" & 15" trampolines sold between July 1999 and February 2004. Consumer should call JumpKing® toll-free at (866)-302-8669.

Information Assurance Conference

The first U.S. Forces Korea Information Assurance Conference will be April 19-21 at Osan Air Base. For information or to register for event, visit <https://usfk-ia.korea.army.mil/confmain.htm>.

MCW Submissions

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PACOM nominee goes before Senate

By Samantha L. Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The nominee to become the next commander of the U.S. Pacific Command acknowledged the challenges that face him in the Asia-Pacific theater should he be confirmed to that position.

"If confirmed, I intend to work hard to establish and nurture the personal and nation-to-nation relationships that I consider essential to the security of the region," said Navy Adm. William J. Fallon in addressing the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 15. "I recognize that the sheer size, vast distances and immense populations of the Asia Pacific region add a unique challenge to our operations in that theater, but I'm ready to get under way."

One of the challenges in the region is the Korean nuclear situation. Fallon said it should be addressed in two ways. The first is to maintain a deterrent posture while signaling support for South Korea. The second is facilitating diplomatic efforts.

Restarting six-party talks or working different initiatives from the United States or through other nations in the area are



Adm. William J. Fallon

appropriate courses of action, he said.

"Clearly, something as disturbing in not only the nuclear revelation, or assertion, but the fact that the North Koreans have been exporting their missile technology which may provide the means to deliver these types of weapons is certainly something of high concern," he said. "I look forward, if confirmed, to engage with our allies in the area and to our other experts, in government and out, to learn

as much as we can so that I can be of some use in this."

China is another point of interest within PACOM's area of responsibility. And one that Fallon and committee chairman Virginia Sen. John Warner agree should not be ignored. The committee's interest is based on knowledge of China's expanding conventional and strategic military capabilities as well as the mainland's relationship with Taiwan, Warner said.

Fallon said that despite the challenges that lie ahead, he is ready to take command of PACOM if confirmed.

"There is much for me to learn, but I eagerly look forward to working with our superb Soldiers, sailors, airman and Marines and our friends and allies should I be confirmed," he said.

Now serving as commander of Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Va., Fallon would replace Adm. Thomas B. Fargo as commander of PACOM.

Fallon earned his commission in 1967 and has served in several command positions, including as commander of Battle Force 6th Fleet during Operation Deliberate Force over Bosnia in 1995.

STD few can pronounce infects 5.5 million Americans annually

By Sgt. Jorge Gomez

Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — Human papillomavirus is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases yet it is the least known STD. About 20 million Americans are infected with HPV and about 5.5 million people are infected yearly, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Certain types of HPV cause cervical cancer and yet there is little public awareness of the virus, unlike AIDS awareness, even though it is equally deadly.

Of the 100 HPV types that have been identified, 30 of them infect the genital area.

Most of the infections cause no symptoms and go away on their own, but HPV is a public health concern to the CDC because persistent infection can cause cervical cancer in women.

Cervical cancer screening using the Pap test and treatment of precancerous cervical abnormalities have resulted in a significant decrease in deaths in the United States.

However, the CDC reports that an estimated 12,200 women develop cervical cancer and 4,100 women die from it.

In 2003, the CDC also estimated that 11,498 women were diagnosed with AIDS and 4,736 of those died.

The number of women who are diagnosed and die from AIDS nearly equals those who develop cervical cancer and die.

Yet Americans are largely ignorant of HPV and few mediums seem interested in raising awareness.

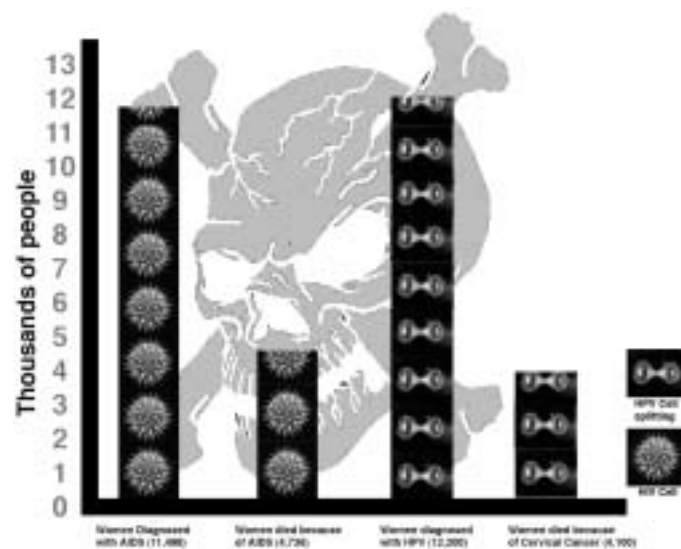
For example, the Army News Service search engine generates 43 articles from its electronic archives with the entry "HIV," but fails to generate a single article with the entry "HPV."

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center search engine generated more than 200 links with "HIV," but only 12 links with "HPV." Educating people, and women especially, becomes critical when one considers that HPV cannot be prevented through condom use.

Transmission of HPV occurs through contact with infected genital area skin. HPV infection in women can occur on the cervix, vagina, vulva, inner thighs, and perianal area.

For the male, infection can occur on the penis, urethra, scrotum, inner thighs and perianal area.

In June 2000, the National Institutes of Health produced a report titled, Scientific Evidence on Condom Effectiveness



for Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention.

It reported favorably in preventing the transmission of HIV, but for HPV the panel concluded that there was no evidence that condom use reduced the risk of HPV infection.

The CDC concluded that "even consistent and correct use of condoms would not be expected to offer complete protection from HPV infection because infections also may occur on sites not covered or protected by a condom," according to the January 2004 Report to Congress: Prevention of Genital Human Papillomavirus Infection.

For women, the first indication of HPV comes from an abnormal Pap test which examines the cells in the cervix. An HPV DNA test is then used to determine what type of HPV the woman has contracted. Currently, there is no available HPV test for men.

To prevent genital HPV infection and cervical cancer, the CDC recommends the following:

- No genital contact with another individual.
- For those who choose to be sexually active, a long-term, monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner is the best strategy, but it is difficult to determine whether a partner is currently infected.
- Reducing the number of sexual partners and choosing a partner less likely to be infected.
- Regular cervical cancer screening for all sexually active women.



BY PFC. MIKE PRYOR

Paratroopers from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, patrol Baghdad's Haifa Street, alongside 303rd Iraqi Army Battalion Soldiers.

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deployments and nine-month dwell time before returning to the desert,” Preston said. “Transformation will help bring stability and predictability to Soldiers and their families. We’re working to get the ideal times at one to two years dwell time for active duty and five to six years dwell time for the Reserve component.”

The leaders were asked about their recruiting and retention figures. For the Army, all figures are currently met except for National Guard recruiting. Preston said many of the Reserve component’s recruiting numbers are gained with active duty Soldiers getting out. But because of the war and stop loss, the National Guard is challenged meeting its requirement.

“Recruiters have a tough job,” Preston said. “I met a staff sergeant, a recruiter, who had recruits to ship out one day and one of them called to say he couldn’t go because his mother threatened to commit suicide if he went; another recruit’s father called to say he didn’t have the money for gas to bring his son up to the station. The recruiter paid for the gas out of pocket.”

Another topic brought up was the Department of Defense school system.

“I have children attending DoD schools and we love it because of its consistency, stability of curriculum and performance,” said Scott.

Preston said transformation is a positive effect for children in schools because the family will be in the area longer. He said because of the stability transformation will bring, it will be easier for high school students to compete for scholarships in public schools.

Health care for the Reserve component was also a concern discussed. “While Guard and Reserve Soldiers are on active duty, they’re getting the same treatment as active duty,” Preston said.

He said currently Reserve component

Soldiers and their families are eligible to use TRICARE 90 days before and 180 days after deployment. Preston also said the Army is working on making the timeframe longer with use of premiums.

One subcommittee member wanted to know if the weight requirements to ship household goods should change.

“Between 60 to 70 percent of Sailors said they have sold, left behind or gave away their household goods to meet the weight requirement,” Scott said. “For an overseas assignment we expect the Sailor, once they arrive, to go to work immediately but their POV (privately owned vehicle) won’t show up for another 90 to 120 days. So they have to pay for a taxi and make their car payments. Sometimes, they have to get rid of their second vehicle to take an assignment in Hawaii or Alaska.”

Estrada also added he would like to see a change in the policies of damaged goods. “The servicemember should receive the full value of goods damaged in a move, not just a percentage because some things are irreplaceable,” he said.

The recent law on the added servicemembers group life insurance and death gratuity was brought to the table.

“I support it but not the specific area,” Murray said. “I think it should be across the board to include all locations, even training bases some training exercises are dangerous.”

Other topics of discussions with the subcommittee were increasing educational benefits and compensating servicemembers for skills lucrative in the civilian job market.

“Hopefully this will send a message to servicemen and women that Congress really cares about them,” Walsh said.

Editor’s note: Staff Sgt. Critser writes for the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs.)

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Road marchers remember sacrifices at Bataan

By Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY — Two hundred seventy-four Soldiers from around the peninsula braved snow and ice Saturday to march in the U.S. 8th Army Bataan Memorial Death March qualifier.

This is the fifth year Warrior Country hosted the event, where participants must complete a 13.1-mile road march wearing battle dress uniform, combat boots and a rucksack weighing at least 35 pounds.

Brig. Gen. Steven Anderson, U.S. Forces Korea, J-4, took top honors, making the trek in 1:49:30 and becoming the first person to cross the finish line this year.

“Not bad for a 48-year-old geezer,” Anderson joked as he received his trophy.

This wasn’t his first Bataan victory. Anderson, a veteran of the race, wasn’t available to compete

last year, but finished in second place the year before and first place three years ago.

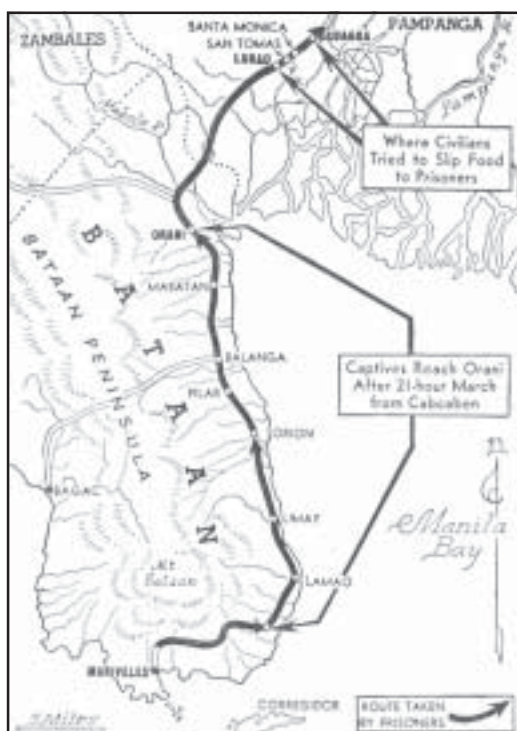
“The conditions this year were the worst of all the times I’ve done it,” he said. “It’s the first time I’ve seen actual snow on the ground and ice. My main goal was just not getting hurt.”

Each year, the first-place team and top five finishers in the men’s and women’s categories earn the privilege of representing the 8th U.S. Army at the 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, N.M.

This year’s winner in the team event was the 728th Military Police Company, Camp Walker.

In the men’s event, the top five finishers were Anderson; Lt. Col. Troy Busby, Headquarters, 8th U.S. Army; Capt. Gregory Stone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade;

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The grueling march honors the sacrifices of U.S. Soldiers who were forced to march after their 1942 surrender in the Philippines.



This picture, captured from the Japanese, shows American prisoners using improvised litters to carry those of their comrades who fell along the road on the march from Bataan in April 1942.



Sgt. Christopher Petrie, Company D, 702nd Main Support Battalion, competes Saturday at Camp Casey.

NEWS & NOTES

Comedy Show

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation show "Comedy ROK's with MWR," featuring comedians Tommy Davison and David Alan Grier, will perform throughout Warrior Country on the following dates:

- Tonight - Camp Hovey's Borderline Café, 7 p.m.
- Saturday - Camp Essayons' Stalker Club, 8 p.m.
- March 4 - Camp Casey's Primo's, 8 p.m.
- March 5 - Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's, 8 p.m.

Supervisory Development Courses

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering the Human Resources for New Supervisors course March 7-11 at the CPAC classroom, Bldg. T-909. Those interested in attending the class must submit a completed DD Form 1556 and Individual Development Plan by Monday. The CPAC is also offering the Leadership Education and Development Course May 23-27. The class will be held in the Camp Casey Education Center. Completed DD Form 1556 and IDP must be submitted by April 29. For information, call 732-9060.

Winter Pool League

The Camp Casey Community Activity Center hosts Fast Eddie's Winter Pool League 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 1 p.m. Sundays now through March. The league includes 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball billiards games. For information, call 730-3338.

Newcomers Orientation Change

Camps Red Cloud and Casey Army Community Services no longer offer newcomers orientations. All newcomers orientations for units are now combined at the Warrior Replacement Center on Camp Mobile. For information, call 732-7326.

Norah Jones Concert

Norah Jones will perform at the Conference and Exhibition Center in Seoul March 5. The community activities centers on camps Red Cloud and Stanley have tickets for sale for this event; ticket price includes round-trip transportation provided by the CAC. Tickets are limited; contact the CAC for prices and availability.

Counseling Instructor Sought

Army Career Alumni Program is accepting resumes for a counselor position at Camp Mobile. Applicants require a master's degree. For information, call 730-4044.

Night-time Golf Tournament

Camp Casey Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a night-time golf tournament April 1 at Camp Casey. For information, call 730-3338.

Fun Run/Walk

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Area I Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will sponsor a 5K fun run/walk April 16 to promote healthy family lifestyles. The run will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center. Participants are encouraged to wear a blue ribbon symbolizing child abuse awareness. For information, call 732-7180.

Warriors discuss black history

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

CAMPRED CLOUD — About 150 Soldiers and civilians gathered at Mitchell's Club Feb. 15 for the 2005 2nd Infantry Division and Area I Black History Month observance luncheon.

"We are here to honor the contributions of black Americans," said Sgt. 1st Class Sherinette Haynes, 2nd Infantry Division equal opportunity noncommissioned officer.

The event featured a panel of six military leaders, both officers and noncommissioned officers.

Each panel member answered the question, "What influential black American figures principles, philosophies closely resemble your own?"

Command Sgt. Maj. Troy Welch, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea and 8th U.S. Army senior noncommissioned officer was a panel member.

"I recently saw the movie, 'Ray,'" Welch said. "The man went through one tragedy after another and he still came out on top. He prevailed."

Welch said he also read Ray Charles' autobiography.

"It shows that no matter who you are or where you come from, and no matter what you do in life, if you set a goal, you can attain it," Welch said. "As professional Soldiers, that's what we try to instill in our junior enlisted everyday."

Another panel member, the commanding general of the 2nd Inf. Div., chose the spirit of the historical Buffalo Soldier.

"Today I don't want to offer you a particular person," said Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins. "I want to offer you



PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY

Command Sgt. Maj. Troy Welch, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea and 8th U.S. Army top enlisted leader participates in the panel Feb. 15.



Above: Master Sgt. Odies Davis, 2nd Infantry Division, listens during the discussions. About 150 Soldiers and civilians attended.



Lt. Col. Bertram Providence, 2nd Infantry Division surgeon (center), talks about influential Black Americans in his life.

a powerful image. Images, ideals and ideas are what guide my life."

Higgins said about 186,000 black Americans served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War and about 38,000 were killed in action.

The general explained how in July 1866 Congress passed legislation to form two cavalry regiments made up of black Americans. They soon

became known, honorifically, as "Buffalo Soldiers."

"Missions were accomplished across some of the most inhospitable country and terrain in North America," Higgins said.

He explained how the Buffalo Soldiers of the late 19th century

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Kentucky youth starts Valentines tradition

By Capt. Stacy Picard

Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion

CAMP CASEY — Many people spend Valentine's Day expressing their love to family members or a special someone. But for Soldiers serving overseas, it can be a lonely experience without their loved ones.

Last year, James Holland, the 13-year-old nephew of a servicemember in Korea, decided to start a Valentine's Day card drive for Soldiers stationed overseas in Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan. Because of its success, Holland did it again, with a little help from "Team Cupid" in Louisville, Ky.

A local radio station, WXMA, 102.5 FM known as the "Max," assisted Holland in his efforts. The station promoted the card drive through their morning show.

Army postal officials said the number of cards sent to servicemembers overseas increased from 12,000 to 20,000.

"Last year, James called to let us know what he wanted to do," said George Lindsey, WXMA program director and radio personality. "We thought it would be great to get others involved and show our support to the troops as well."

The station encouraged listeners to make or purchase Valentines for troops serving overseas. They set up drop-off points around the city to make it easy for anyone to participate. They also encouraged local church groups, students and hospitals to help Holland in his efforts.

"We appreciate everything our servicemembers do," Lindsey said. "We wanted to show them they are still supported."

For the second year in a row, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers experienced the positive support in the form of a Valentine.

"It's wonderful to see an entire community rally around our Soldiers and show them love and support. It reminds the Soldiers why we serve," said Command Sgt. Maj., James Lucero, 2nd Infantry Division senior noncommissioned officer.

Pvt. Jeremy Arnold, Company C, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, was impressed by the actions Holland took at such a young age.

"I like what this kid did," Arnold said. "It's pretty cool that he's so young and has this kind of effort. It will help morale and remind Soldiers what we're fighting for."

The 2nd Infantry Division received two boxes of cards.

"As soon as we found out the cards were coming, we notified all of the command sergeants major and first sergeants and told them to be sure to send a representative to pick up their cards," Lucero said.

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show your care and concern for other people that are important in your life, Lucero added.

"The Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division appreciate the contributions," he said.

U.S. Soldier, Korean adoptee returns to homeland

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — The Soldier arrived in Korea to serve as other American troops do. But for Pvt. Ryan Buerger, this journey to Korea was a personal one.

"I left Korea when I was 2 years old," explained Buerger. "My sister and I were in an orphanage in Busan until we were adopted by an American family."

Buerger said he grew up near Dallas, with a family that remains active in helping children in need.

The Buergers had one biological child before they adopted Ryan and his sister in 1982, and another Korean boy in 1985. They also raised another American boy.

"My mother always sponsors kids," Buerger said. "I don't know how many she sponsors a year, but she always loves doing that kind of stuff."

In December, Buerger visited a Uijeongbu orphanage with a group of American Soldiers.

"It was right before Christmas," Buerger said. "We got to see them unwrap presents and we brought them a new dishwasher."

After contacting his family in Texas and sharing the experience, he said his mother organized a campaign to gather clothing and toys for donation.

"She wanted to help out," he said. "Next thing I know, I've got five huge boxes in my room waiting to deliver to an orphanage here."

Buerger would like to make contact with his biological family, but is not sure how to do it.

"I have no idea how to find my



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Pvt. Ryan Buerger (left) and Cpl. Ko Kwang-hoon, both of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, discuss an administrative task Feb. 16 at Camp Red Cloud. Buerger was born in Korea in 1980. He was adopted by an American family when he was 2 years old.

biological family. I've got the documents from my adoption, my Korean name and photos of me as a child," he said. "I would like to find out more, but I think it's going to be really difficult."

Buerger said his Korean name was Suh Song-ryong.

He speaks English like a native; however he knows only a few words in Korean.

"It's kind of funny because when Koreans see me they speak to me in

Korean," he said. "I have to stop them and say, 'wait, I don't speak Korean.'"

Buerger said because he grew up in Texas, he knows more words in Spanish than Korean.

"I don't remember being here in Korea. I was too young," he said. "Korea is different than I expected."

Buerger is an administrative specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I.

Last year, he completed basic training

at Fort Sill, Okla., and advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

After Buerger arrived in November 2004, he applied for the Assignment Incentive Program to extend his tour of duty for an additional year.

"I want to attend classes and learn the language," he said. "I like it here. It gives me a chance to see where I came from and just to experience the culture."

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BOSS councils compete for excellence

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Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY — Area I Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers council members gathered Feb. 15 at Reggie's Club for a quarterly conference.

The high point of the conference was the competition for best installation and best event.

Judges selected the Camp Red Cloud 2004 Halloween party as the best event, and Camp Casey took first prize for the best installation.

"Our number one goal last year was to enhance communication throughout our installations," Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, told conference attendee in his opening remarks. "We've accomplished that, and increased participation in the program."

All four Area I BOSS councils competed for the honors. BOSS councils are made up of single Soldiers from major subordinate commands and separate units on an installation.

Single Soldiers can become unit representatives, and volunteer to assist in planning events.

Each council prepared a three-minute video to feature their most successful event of the last quarter. They also displayed photos from all the events each installation hosted.

Christiansen hailed the Camp Casey council's Jersey Jam and the repositioning of the taxis on Camp Red Cloud nearer to the commissary as two successes.

"The Jersey Jam was one of the best events I've seen," Christiansen said. "Soldiers really enjoyed it."

Christiansen said Camp Red Cloud BOSS members responsible for bringing up the taxi issue improved quality of life at the installation.

The judges looked for examples of the three pillars of the BOSS program — recreation and leisure, well-being, and community service — as well as creativity and quality in each presentation.

"I'm looking for something more than just a video," said 1st Sgt. Robert Callan, 2nd Infantry Division, and one of the two judges. "When you do one of these presentations, you should show what Soldiers do on a regular basis, and why they should become involved in BOSS events."

The Camp Casey council took second place with a video of their November Golf Scramble.

Both winning councils were awarded cash prizes to be applied to funding of future BOSS events.

The winners will also go on to compete in the Korea-wide competition at Camp Humphreys March 19–20.

The quarterly conference also gave members an opportunity to discuss future events and funding issues.

The BOSS program was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single Soldiers who make up 35% of the Army.

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USO honors sponsors

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CAMP CASEY — The USO treated friends and sponsors to a banquet at the Warrior's Club Feb. 15 to recognize and thank their supporters.

Sally Hall, Area I USO director, thanked the organizations for their continuing support.

"Without your partnership, the year 2004 could not have been another remarkable year of fulfilled goals," Hall said. "Your donations helped provide new and improved USO programs and services. Truly, you have helped us deliver a first-class service to those who serve away from home."

After the meal, Brig. Gen. Charles Anderson, 2nd Infantry Division assistant division commander for support, handed out plaques and certificates of appreciation to the sponsors.

As a nonprofit, congressionally-chartered private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support USO activities.

Among the donors honored at the event were the Military Service Organization, Korea Telecom, LG Telecom, Association of the United States Army, Sky Travel, the Exchange New Car Sales, People-to-People International, Daimler-Chrysler Korea and the American Forces Spouses Club.

The USO has been providing entertainment and services to the U.S. military since 1941.

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Staff Sgt. Joshua Geery, Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment; and 1st Lt. Joshua Johnson, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment.

In the women's event, the qualifiers were Maj. Erica Clarkson, 121st General Hospital; Cpl. Janine Houlden, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey; 2nd Lt. Danielle Roche, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Troop Battalion; Sgt. Jade Shiara-Payne, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division; and Sgt. Amenda Murdock, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion.

The U.S. 8th Army team has won the main event in New Mexico the past two years, and Anderson is confident they'll make it three in a row this year.

The Bataan Memorial Death March honors the sacrifice of thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war who died in April 1942 on the original trek, which took place on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines.

Victorious Japanese troops forced

more than 72,000 sick, wounded and malnourished U.S. and Filipino troops to march 100 miles to a prison camp.

The Japanese military did not provide food and water, and those who dared to ask for some, fell out or in any way delayed the march were summarily executed. Only 56,000 troops survived the week-long trek.

Anderson said commemorating their sacrifice was his main motivation for competing.

"Sixty-three years ago, thousands of Americans died during the real Bataan Death March," he explained. "Today, we did a sporting event. We could have stopped anytime we wanted to, and we had hamburgers waiting for us at the end. If we'd had a bad day, we could've pulled over to the side and said, 'well, I'll try it again next year.'

"But those folks 63 years ago couldn't. Thousands were brutally massacred on that forced march through the mountains of Bataan, and that's primarily what I think about when I'm doing this. It's a way to honor the incredible sacrifices of America's greatest."

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accomplished missions to conquer the American frontier.

"The Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th cavalry regiments played a major, yet unacknowledged role in opening the western part of America," Higgins said. "They did it quietly, professionally and without recognition. They epitomize the Warrior Ethos."

Other panel members spoke more personally.

"There are several folks, but if I had to put my finger on one, it would be my mother," said Lt. Col. Patrick Williams, 2nd Inf. Div. provost marshal.

Williams explained how his mother, who recently passed away, was the most influential person in his life.

"She treated everybody with respect," he said, "regardless of race, creed or nationality."

Williams said his mother displayed all of the Army's values.

"My mother, without a doubt, was that person," he said.

Lt. Col. Carolyn Sharpe, 177th Finance Battalion commander, also chose her mother as the most influential black American in her life.

"I'm the sixth born out of eight,"

Sharpe said. "I already knew what values were before I joined the military."

Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax, Area I senior noncommissioned officer, chose Mya Angelo and Sojourner Truth.

Lt. Col. Bertram Providence, 2nd Inf. Div. surgeon, selected Dr. Victor Garcia.

"He's a person I met when I was in medical school," Providence said. "This gentleman provided me with the vision that one, 'I can do it,' and two, 'to have dignity and respect for all your patients.'"

Providence explained how even to this day he tries to walk in his footsteps.

Black History Month observations usually have a keynote speaker. Haynes said the panel format gave people an opportunity to learn how many people think.

"Blacks have and will continue to make a substantial difference in the history of our nation and our military," Haynes said. "So listen and learn, and I'm going to learn something myself."

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As the Army implemented the program, quality of life was the primary concern of single Soldiers.

In 1991, the Army chief of staff officially approved BOSS members to participate in community service projects.

Recreation and leisure, quality of

life, and community service are the core components of the BOSS program.

Christiansen thanked the Soldiers for their dedication to the BOSS program and lauded them for their success.

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Military Justice system: Victims and witnesses of crime have rights

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YONGSAN — Victims and witnesses of crime often may feel defenseless and powerless. Many people have the impression the criminal justice system, for better or worse, frequently works in favor of the accused.

For example, under Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, an individual accused of a crime must be read his or her rights before being questioned by any military official. Also, under many circumstances, the government will provide an accused with assigned counsel, free of charge.

On the other hand, victims or witnesses of crime often have been isolated and provided little or no assistance. In addition, some victims and witnesses of crime have felt victimized by the judicial system. It is no surprise that victims and witnesses of crime can often feel alone and feel like no one cares about them.

Fortunately, the impact of crime on victims and witnesses has not gone unnoticed. In fact, the U.S. Army is genuinely concerned with the problems and uncertainty experienced by victims and witnesses of crime, and this concern has been addressed in Chapter 18 of Army Regulation 27-10, Military Justice. This chapter establishes the Army Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

The VWAP is designed to encourage the development of victim and witness services, to consolidate information pertaining to these services and to coordinate the provision of victim and witness services. The dissemination of relevant and timely information to every victim and witness of crime is key to the success of this program, according to Yongsan Law Center officials.

To ensure a free flow of information, the federal government has instituted a Victim's Bill of Rights and has directed that a liaison officer be appointed to act as the primary point of contact through which victims and witnesses may obtain information concerning services available to them.

Under the Victim's Bill of Rights, each victim of a crime has the following rights:

- The right to be treated with
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Ku Cha-yun, the high school student takes a photo with his colleagues in front of the Repair & Utilities Shop where he worked as a clerk in 1955. He worked in school uniform during the day and attended high school at night.

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One man's journey

By Pfc. Seo Ki-chul

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It's 9 a.m. on a chilly January morning at Yongsan Garrison. As the figure of a small, elderly man sits down behind his desk, a couple finds their way into the office.

After some paper shuffling and pen work, the couple smiles, thanks the man and leaves. So starts another routine day for Ku Cha-yun, who has been working at the U.S. Army Legal Assistance Center in Yongsan for several decades.

But as he settles back into other paperwork, his eye catches a glimpse of the award marking his half century of dedication to the U.S. government. He thinks to himself how life was like back before he started working for the United States.

"In 1945, when I was 8 years old, Korea gained independence from Japanese colonial rule," said Ku.

After the Korean peninsula was ridded of Japanese rule, it was split in two at the 38th parallel, explained Ku.

Ku's hometown, Byuksung, was on the north side of the parallel, and thus came under communist North

Korea's control and jurisdiction. The North Korean government was quick to take the landowner's property, including that of Ku's family.

"After that, we decided to leave to escape from North Korea," Ku said.

His family crossed the border trying to avoid soldiers of both the North's and South's armies, who, with their mercurial attitudes, might bestow kindness upon families or put a bullet to their heads. Ku's family was fortunate to be able to cross without incident. They established

themselves in Ongjing, Hwanghae province. But the peace there wouldn't last long because of the outbreak of the Korean War.

As tanks from North Korea came rumbling south, they quickly seized towns and villages near the 38th parallel. Onjing was occupied by the North Korean Army within 8 hours, said Ku. After the occupation, communists tried to kill those who had defected.

"We ended up hiding in the mountains for four months," Ku said.

It wasn't until U.N. Forces recaptured Onjing and the surrounding areas that Ku and his family could come out of hiding. As before, the peace there wouldn't last.

The People's Liberation Army of China later joined the war in order to keep communism on the Korean peninsula. As Ongjin was recaptured by the newly-strengthened communist forces a few months later, Ku and his older brother were sent to his uncle's house on Yeonpyeong Island, about 50 miles west of Incheon, which was still under U.N. control.

Ku's mother decided to stay in Ongjin to take care of her in-law's parents, Ku said. When he said good-bye, he never knew it

would be the last time he would see his mother.

"Whenever I recall the word mother, I am usually choked with sorrow," said Ku as he began to shed tears and lose his voice.

While the Ku brothers were living on the island, his brother temporarily went to the mainland to find food. After that, Ku said he didn't see his brother anymore.

Since the enemies carried out saturation bombing



Ku Cha-yun, accompanied by his wife, Choi Young-suk, is awarded a 50-year pin for his half-century of dedication to U.S. forces, from Leon J. Laporte, U.S. Forces Korea commander. Ku received the pin in December.

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Commander's Hotline

Area II residents who have questions or comments for the Area II commander can voice them by e-mailing areaitownhall@korea.army.mil or by calling 738-5017.

Korea Theater Support Center

The Korea Theater Support Center is available. Dial 8324 for e-mail problems, GCCS-A trouble and Internet issues. It is not necessary to dial any prefix.

Seoul Hot Jobs

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness program provides job listings for the Yongsan area and Korea-wide. The program also assists with resume writing and computers are available for job searches. Appointments are preferred. For information, call 738-8977.

AMEDD Direct Commissioning Opportunities Available

Commissioning opportunities are available for those who possess a health care degree in fields such as nursing, pharmacy, optometry, podiatry, environmental science, laboratory science, preventive medicine or behavior science. There is financial assistance for individuals who are interested in attending medical, dental, veterinary or optometry school. For information, call 736-8102.

Signal Warrant Officer Opportunity

The Signal Corps is seeking highly skilled and motivated enlisted Soldiers from all MOSs interested in a career as a 254A Signal Systems Support Technician, 250N Network Management Technician or 251A Information Systems Technician. For information, call 791-8183 or 791-6545.

Newcomer's Orientation

The orientation is designed to give servicemembers, civilian employees and their adult family members an introduction to Korean history, culture and traditions. Additionally, participants will receive important information regarding Yongsan and the military community.

Black History Month

There will be a lecture on "the 5 Critical Challenges Facing Black America" 7 - 9 p.m. Monday at Yongsan Main Post Library. The lecture will be given by Charles M. Jenkins Jr. For information, call 723-7485.

Loan Closet

The ACS loan closet provides basic housekeeping items for temporary use to in-coming and outgoing personnel. For information call 738-4617 or stop by Building 4106, Room 122.

ACAP Briefings

Army Career and Alumni Program briefings usually last about one-half hour, depending on unit participation. They are usually held Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. However, other times and dates can be arranged. For information or to schedule a briefing, call 738-7322.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross offers a variety of classes to include a babysitting course. For information, call 738-3670.

Gettin' their groove on



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Above: (from left) Demetria Kelly, Renee Finley and LaSaundra Henderson perform at the African-American Heritage Month Observance held Feb. 16 at the Dragon Hill Lodge's Najja Ballroom. Performances were also presented by Seoul American High School.

Left: (from left) Renee Finley and Demetria Kelly perform at an African-American Heritage Month Observance at the Dragon Hill Lodge. The women are from the Church of God, Servicemen Center in Yongsan.

Journey

on the island everyday, Ku was also forced to leave.

At age 14, Ku and a small number of island refugees used a small-fishing boat to brave the sea waters, in hopes of reaching the mainland. The boat was heading for Incheon, and Ku was hoping to find an uncle who lived at Yeongdeungpo.

In 1954, His uncle, then a manager of Siheung train station, helped 16-year-old Ku find work with U.S. Forces of Korea located in Siheung. His job would be to issue ammunition to troops.

At the same time, Ku began to work as an interpreter and translator.

"I had difficulties talking to the soldiers at first," said Ku. "So I studied every time I had a chance, even on the toilet. I wanted to master the language as soon as possible."

After working in supply, Ku said he worked various jobs to make ends meet.

While working at night, Ku said he was eager to attend a middle school.

"I was envious of the students in school uniforms," Ku said. "Thanks to USFK, I was able to attend middle and high school in the evenings."

After finishing high school, Ku moved onto college, where he majored in law in Konkuk University in 1961.

"I really appreciate contribution of United



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As a university graduate Ku Cha-yun poses for a photograph with an ex-captain of the 58th Ordnance Company (Ammunition) in front of the jeep in his graduation ceremony at Konkuk University.

States and USFK towards peacekeeping of the Korean peninsula. Individually, without their help, I couldn't have been here." Ku said.

But aside from his success, Ku still feels pain from Korea's civil war. He shares the same desires and hopes of many of his countrymen.

"My last desire is to meet my mother after the unification of the South and the North, though she might have passed away," said Ku. "It is an unfulfilled wish of 68 year old boy who has been missing a mother for 50 years."

18th MEDCOM offers traveling advice

YONGSAN — Planning a trip to an exotic destination in Asia while you are stationed in Korea? Good for you. You should take advantage of all that the assignment of choice has to offer.

However, before you embark on your journey, here are some tips to make your trip more enjoyable and safe. No matter where your travels may take you, observe the following:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
 - Eat only thoroughly cooked food or fruits and vegetables you have peeled yourself. Remember: boil it, cook it, peel it or forget it. Don't eat food purchased from street vendors.
 - Drink only bottled or boiled water, or carbonated drinks in cans or bottles. Avoid tap water, fountain drinks, and ice cubes.
 - Because motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury among travelers, walk and drive defensively. Avoid travel at night if possible and always use seat belts.
 - Protect yourself from insects by remaining in well-screened areas, using repellents (applied sparingly at four-hour intervals), and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
 - Never eat undercooked ground beef and poultry, raw eggs, and unpasteurized dairy products. Raw shellfish is particularly dangerous to persons who have liver disease or compromised immune systems.
 - Avoid animals. Monkeys, dogs, cats, chicken and ducks can be a source of serious diseases such as rabies, plague and bird flu.
 - To prevent fungal and parasitic infections, keep feet clean and dry, and do not go barefoot.
 - Practice safe sex.
 - Don't share needles with anyone.
- Here are some supplies and equipment you might



consider adding to your suitcase or backpack:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants to wear while outside whenever possible, to prevent illnesses carried by insects.
- Insect repellent containing DEET (diethylmethyltoluamide), in 22- to 35-percent strength for adults and 6-to 10-percent for children, as well as a bed net impregnated with the insecticide permethrin. (Bed nets can be purchased in camping or military supply stores.)
- Over-the-counter anti-diarrheal medicine to take if you have diarrhea.
- Iodine tablets and portable water filters to purify water if bottled water is not available.
- Prescription medications: make sure you have enough to last during your trip, as well as a copy of the prescription(s).

A valuable resource available for all travelers on the Web is the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>. The CDC issues various travel notices to warn travelers about potential infectious disease threats.

The most serious notification is the Travel Health Warning. Under this warning travelers are advised to

postpone non-essential travel. This advisory was issued in 2003 for the SARS outbreak in Asia. This level of warning was necessary because of evidence that the outbreak was expanding outside China.

A Travel Health Precaution is issued when an outbreak of infectious disease is present in a large geographic area, but not expanding outside of the initially-affected area. This warning is in effect for the outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) in Southeast Asia. Travelers are not restricted from unnecessary travel at this point, but informed of specific precautions to reduce their risk of exposure during the stay and what to do before and after their travel.

An Outbreak Notice is issued when an outbreak is reported in a limited-geographic area. At this point, travelers are reminded of standard-travel precautions as well as some more specific measures to take when traveling in the affected area, such as a vaccination, if one is available. This advisory is currently in effect for an outbreak of meningitis in China's Anhui Province.

Keeping up with all these notices is the mission of the Travel Medicine Clinic. The clinic staff provides a personal medical consultation to ensure an enjoyable and safe vacation for you. Call 736-3025 to schedule an appointment.

It is best to schedule appointments 4-6 weeks before traveling to allow adequate time for any necessary vaccinations to take effect. The clinic staff also suggests visiting after you return from your trip to address any questions or concerns you may have. Some measures, such as malaria prevention, require additional medications after you return from your trip.

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Hee-Choon S. Lee is a preventative medicine consultant for the 18th Medical command.)

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Community News



W-2 Forms Available on MyPay

Those who want to receive their W-2 forms faster should log on to <http://mypay.dfas.mil> to print out an electronic version of the W-2. The electronic W-2 is an IRS-approved method and can be used to file personal 2004 income taxes.

Spirit Warrior 2005

Spirit Warrior 2005, "A Warrior's Truth" will be April 29-30 at South Post Chapel. Free lodging is available for attendees traveling to Area II. For information, call 738-4043/723-8716 or e-mail grandinj@korea.army.mil

Scholarships Available

DoDDS High School seniors are eligible for a scholarship awarded by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship awarding is based on application, written essay, transcript and letter of recommendation. The application deadline is March 7. For information, call 736-7558.

Women Of Excellence Ministry Prayer Brunch/Women Arrayed In Holiness Fashion Show

A prayer brunch and a fashion show will be 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Naija Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge. A \$10 donation is needed. For information and tickets, e-mail LMA_WOE@yahoo.com.

Mustard Seed Registration

Mustard Seed Christian Preschool 2005-2006 registration starts March 8. The registration is available for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, for 4-year-olds on Monday and Wednesday. For information, call 738-8503.

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fairness and respect for his or her dignity privacy;

■ The right to reasonable protection from a suspect or the accused;

■ The right to be notified of all court martial proceedings;

■ The right to be present at all public court martial proceedings related to the offense, unless the military judge determines that his or her testimony would be materially affected if he or she were to hear the testimony of other witnesses;

■ The right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case;

■ The right to appropriate restitution, when available; and

■ The right to information about an accused's conviction, sentencing, confinement and release.

The VWAP does not end with the Victim's Bill of Rights. AR 27-10 states that a victim or witness of crime may obtain information from the Victim/Witness Liaison Officer on the status of the investigation, the accused's pretrial status, the charges preferred against an accused, the acceptance of a guilty plea or the announcement of findings and the sentence imposed, including the date on which the accused becomes eligible for release from confinement or parole, if applicable.

The trial counsel in charge of the case also will consult with the victim or witness and listen to his or her views concerning the decisions to prefer charges, the dismissal of any charges, the imposition of pretrial restraint, the terms of any pretrial negotiations, the decision to administratively discharge the accused instead

of proceeding with a trial by court martial, and the scheduling of judicial proceedings where the victim or witness is required or entitled to attend.

The liaison officer also can provide the victim or witness with information concerning where to apply for emergency financial assistance, where to file a claim for stolen or vandalized property, what financial assistance is available to victims of domestic abuse and how to recover property that was used as evidence.

When a victim or witness is unfamiliar with the military system of justice, the victim/witness liaison officer can provide him or her with an overview of the courts martial process. This should help the individual in clarify any uncertainties he or she may have as the case moves forward toward final resolution.

The liaison officer also can address any concerns the victim or witness may have as the court-martial progresses. For example, if a victim or witness feels as if his or her life, well-being or safety is jeopardized or threatened by his or her participating in the military justice process, the liaison officer can help the victim or witness receive reasonable protection from an accused and from individuals acting in concert with, or at the request of, the accused.

The Staff Judge Advocate is the local official responsible for the Army Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

The Area II Victim Witness Liaison is Patt McMann-Byrd, at the Yongsan Law Center, Building 4305. She can be reached by calling 738-6832.

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PACAF commander visits Wolf Pack

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KUNSAN AIR BASE – Gen. Paul V. Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, stopped by Kunsan Feb. 8 as part of a multi-stop trip around the Pacific Rim. His day-long visit here was filled with tours of work centers, new base facilities and sites for future construction, as well as several occasions to speak with members of the Wolf Pack.

At each stop, he was pleased with what he saw of both the facilities and the Wolf Pack airmen here.

“You’re the front line warriors in PACAF,” Hester said. “The airmen here are dedicated to embracing our core values, are crucial to protecting our national interests and are ready to ‘take the fight North.’ I believe the Wolf Pack airmen are combat ready and would perform flawlessly if needed.

“Additionally, the quality of life improvements being made at Kunsan are first rate. The new fitness center is one of the finest in the Air Force and reflects the emphasis being put on ‘Fit to Fight.’ There are other needed improvements still in planning and funding stages; our goal is to provide quality living quarters for everyone here at the Wolf Pack as soon as possible.”

In addition to his taking in the capabilities of Kunsan and its people, the general took the opportunity to mentor select troops at lunch and pass along his beliefs, accolades and vision of the future during an interview with local American Forces Network.

“I just want (Wolf Pack members) to know how proud I am of each of you here. You are gaining professional experience every day,” said the general.

“Kunsan’s mission is straight forward and mission success is directly influenced by the time spent training and practicing ATSO techniques as



Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Paul V. Hester talks to airmen from the 80th Fighter Squadron, including 1st Lt. Nicholas R. Ihde (far right) during his Feb. 8 visit to Kunsan Air Base. Hester visited the air base, touring facilities and meeting with personnel from numerous units, as part of a multi-stop trip around the Pacific Rim

well as contingency operations.

“Of course you’re putting in longer hours, maybe working harder than usual and perhaps even doing a job you don’t normally do, but by the time the ORI is upon you your skills will be as sharp as a knife and you’ll have no doubt when it’s time for you to prove yourself,” the general added in reference to the numerous exercises at Kunsan.

“You’ve had 11 exercises or inspections in the last year without a single marginal or unsatisfactory rating

and that definitely shows Kunsan airmen’s ability to complete your mission.

Finally, the general assured the Wolf Pack that though the Air Force is continually modernizing, reshuffling personnel and mission focuses, the people and their jobs will remain the force’s number one asset.

“Every airman, and that’s Airman with a ‘capital A,’ has an important job, is a part of the Air Force team and we need each of them to have success throughout the world.”

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ESSAYONS 732-9008	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	Seed of Chucky R	Spanglish PG-13	No Show	Closer R	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	Hide and Seek R
HENRY 768-7724	The Life Aquatic PG-13	Hide and Seek R	Hide and Seek R	Resident Evil: Apocalypse R	No Show	No Show	No Show
HUMPHREYS 753-7716	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G	Meet the Fockers PG-13	Lemony Snicket PG	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13
HIALEAH 763-3120	Hide and Seek R	Spanglish PG-13	Resident Evil: Apocalypse R	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
HOVEY 730-5412	Seed of Chucky R	Friday Night Lights PG-13	First Daughter PG	National Treasure PG	Hide and Seek R	Lemony Snicket PG	Saw R
KUNSAN 782-4987	Spanglish PG-13	Are We There Yet? PG	Are We There Yet? PG	No Show	Lemony Snicket PG	Lemony Snicket PG	Spanglish PG-13



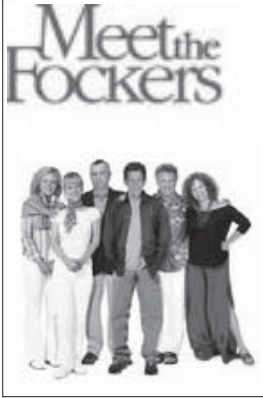
Blade: Trinity
Realizing they may never be able to defeat the vampire hunter known as Blade the Dayhunter, the vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. The plan is successful, with the FBI soon on his tail, Blade's ability to hunt vampires is limited severely. To take on the threat of this most powerful vampire, Blade accepts the help of a team of human vampire hunters called the Nightstalkers.



The Life Aquatic
Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew, Team Zissou, set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping, and bankruptcy.



Lemony Snicket's
Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three intelligent young children who receive terrible news that their parents have died in a fire and have left them an enormous fortune not to be used until the eldest child is of age. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance from them.



Meet the Fockers
Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together—which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you."



Hide and Seek
As a widower tries to piece together his life in the wake of his wife's suicide, he discovers that his young daughter is coping with the death in a strange and scary manner. His daughter, Emily, finds solace by creating a creepy, maniacal imaginary friend with a terrifying vendetta. Imaginary friends can seem so real...



Pooh's Heffalump Movie -- Winnie the Pooh and his pals are back with another unforgettable adventure. This time Tigger, Rabbit and the rest of the group of friends discovers the beast that has been spotted throughout Hundred-Acre Wood; it's a baby Heffalump, a perfect companion for Roo.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Racing Stripes PG	No Show	Racing Stripes PG	Woman Thou Art Loosed R	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Hitch PG-13	Hitch PG-13	Hitch PG-13	Meet the Fockers PG-13	Lemony Snicket PG	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Blade: Trinity R	Lemony Snicket PG	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G	Meet the Fockers PG-13	Spanglish PG-13	No Show	Seed of Chucky R
STANLEY 732-5565	Alexander R	Meet the Fockers PG-13	Meet the Fockers PG-13	After the Sunset PG-13	No Show	Blade: Trinity R	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Hitch PG-13	Hitch PG-13	Hitch PG-13	The Life Aquatic PG-13	The Life Aquatic PG-13	Meet the Fockers PG-13	Meet the Fockers PG-13
YONGSAN II 738-7389	The Incredibles PG	The Incredibles PG	The Incredibles PG	Lemony Snicket PG	Lemony Snicket PG	Seed of Chucky R	Spanglish PG-13
YONGSAN III 738-7389	The Incredibles PG	The Incredibles PG	The Incredibles PG	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	The Life Aquatic PG-13	The Life Aquatic PG-13

Secrets of raising a successful family

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas B. Vaughn
Installation Chaplain, Camp Long/Camp Eagle

Several years ago, Dr. Larry Guthrie stated, “Successful families are an endangered species.” Then he noted some interesting parallels found in African lion prides and shared some great principles for successful families.

First, establish boundaries. At night, lions patrol the boundaries of their territory and mark it. They stake it off with their roars — “This belongs to me!”

Lion’s mark their boundaries no matter where they are. Members of the pride feel secure inside these borders because they know enemies will stay out. Family members, especially children, feel more secure when there are clearly established boundaries in the home.

Second, count the cost. A lion’s eyes are placed up front and wide apart, giving depth perception. Lions measure distance and only pursue those things they think

they can reach. They count the cost of energy needed to catch something before expending the energy. It’s important for families to count the cost in relationships and invest the right amount of time and energy.

Third, fill up on truth. An adult lion eats approximately 80 pounds of meat at one sitting. They have expandable stomachs. They don’t eat every day, instead living off of one meal for many days. If you watch the Discovery Channel, you’ve probably noticed antelope grazing without fear in front of lions. It’s because they can tell when a lion’s full by his stomach and know he won’t bother them.

Our society is constantly filling our minds with things that are unhealthy. Children are watching and reading things that are desensitizing them to what’s right and wrong. And parents, we’re not only letting them, we’re the ones bringing most of it into our homes.

Fourth, never discipline in anger. Lions retract their

claws when walking on hard surfaces to keep them sharp. A single swipe can draw blood. Bacteria develops in a wound and without treatment can be fatal.

Anytime an adult lion disciplines a cub, he or she retracts their claws. They never discipline in anger. Parents, make sure to retract your claws when disciplining. Children have the right to be loved, accepted and disciplined with fairness and consistency. Otherwise, we’ll cause wounds or bitterness that will infect our children’s spirits and prove fatal.

Fifth, foster cooperation, not division. Lions do not allow bickering and fighting. If they are divided, they hunt alone and aren’t very successful which means they go hungry. A successful family won’t allow needless bickering and fighting. Resolve to stay and keep your family together. If you successfully raise your family, chances are they will successfully raise their own.

Area III Worship Services											
Protestant				Gospel				Mass			
Lutheran	Sunday	8 a.m.	Freedom Chapel		Sunday	1 p.m.	Freedom Chapel		Sunday	1 p.m.	Suwon Air Base
Collective		10 a.m.	Suwon Air Base	Later-day Saints		4 p.m.	Freedom Chapel	Mass		4 p.m.	Camp Long
		10:30 a.m.	Camp Eagle	Contemporary		6 p.m.	Freedom Chapel	Mass		5:15 p.m.	Camp Eagle
Collective		10:30 a.m.	Zoeckler Chapel	Korean		7 p.m.	Camp Long	<div>Area III Chaplains</div> <div>Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Benson bensonja@korea.army.mil 753-7274 or 011-9496-7445</div> <div>Chaplain (Capt.) Darin G. Olson olsondg@humphreys1-501mi.korea.army.mil 753-3049</div>			
Collective		11 a.m.	Freedom Chapel	Mass	Daily	11:45 a.m.	Freedom Chapel				
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Aviators strike deep at Korea Training Center

**Indianhead Division
hones warfighting skills
in the skies**

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

RODRIGUEZ RANGE— The valleys echoed with thunderous sounds of the Apache helicopter's powerful Hellfire rockets and the Black Hawk helicopter's machine guns.

The 2nd Infantry Division aviators descended on the Korea Training Center Jan. 31 - Feb. 11.

Soldiers of the 1st and 2nd battalions, 2nd Aviation Regiment, conducted helicopter crew qualifications at the "Gunfighters" training exercise. It included lessons learned from operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

"It primarily focused on diving-fire," said Chief Warrant Officer Richard Handlon, 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., pilot. "Diving fire is old-school stuff from Vietnam that has made its way back into Army doctrine."

Handlon said in the Vietnam War there were minimal air-to-air threats, and much of aerial combat was "diving fire."

Handlon certifies and indoctrinates new pilots on weapons systems.

"Army doctrine training in the past has been against large armor formations," he said. "Now we say, 'see that infantry guy on the ground? North of him 300 meters is a target I need you to remove.'"

During the live-fire training, crews were trained on the three different types of enemy engagements. They also had to fire upon stationary and moving targets at a 10-degree decline, Handlon said.

"We train crews in running, hover and diving fire," he said. "That provides a real challenge for our pilots to dive and fire at the same time. We may train our Soldiers to fire at a 10-degree decline, but in combat situations, they need to be able to fire at 60-degree declines."

Handlon said enemy and friendly forces are fighting closer to each other than before.

"Against the less-sophisticated enemy of the war on terror, we need to fire closer to friendly forces," Handlon said.

Handlon said diving fire makes the Apache's weapons systems more accurate.

"When a helicopter fires its rockets while traveling above 33 knots (34.5 mph), the rockets fly through undisturbed air. It makes the rocket fly straighter and is much more accurate. On a diving fire you can hit a 10-meter square target," he said.

"In a hover, you have all the rotor wash coming down. You are a 'go' if you put the rockets in a 300 (meter) by 400 (meter) square box. Diving-fire also aids the Gunfighters in Korea's mountainous geography," said Lt. Col. Chandler Sherrel, 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt. commander. "In this mountainous



PHOTOS BY PFC. GIANCARLO CASEM

An AH-64 Apache above Rodriguez Range fires two Hellfire rockets Feb. 1 during a diving fire exercise at the Korea Training Center.



A 2nd Infantry Division AH-64 Apache helicopter kicks dust and dirt into the air on take off from the landing zone.

terrain, it gives better support and more precise fire to friendly forces. It demonstrates that we can get the rockets where we are aiming."

Being at KTC also affords the Apache crews real-life training instead of computer simulators, Sherrel said.

"For most pilots, this is their first time out of a simulator," Sherrel said. "We can actually fire our weapons systems, like the Hellfire rockets."

During the 2nd Battalion's live-fire exercise, Soldiers hit pop-up and moving targets on the ground, while hovering, wearing nuclear, biological and chemical gear, and in urban settings. The crews fired two 7.62 mm machine guns housed in their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

"The exercise ensures our go-to-war posture," said Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Freeman, 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt. safety officer. "Even though we aren't



A 602nd Aviation Support Battalion Soldier inspects his weapon Feb. 2 at Rodriguez Range.

in the desert, we are here maintaining peace in the East."

Black Hawk crews rely heavily on teamwork, said Capt. Heath Buckley, 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., range officer in charge.

Buckley said it takes the whole crew working together to accomplish the mission. "Teamwork and crew coordination are fundamental building blocks," he said.

At another KTC training site, elements of the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion conducted convoy training exercises. It afforded Soldiers, and even some Gunfighters pilots, the chance to conduct convoy missions training.

"This ensures Soldiers are more confident in battle drills," said Maj. Frederick Fair, Company A, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion commander. "Soldiers need to know how to defend themselves while part of a convoy."

Without the support battalions, the Gunfighters would not be able to continue their mission, Sherrel said.

"We have to be able to resupply Soldiers to be able to continue the mission," he said. "This training improves our readiness."

(Editor's Note: Pfc. JeNell Mattair contributed to this article.)

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JBL In Warrior Country

Morale, Welfare and Recreation presents a new entertainment, JBL, starting in March. JBL will perform a variety of musical styles at camp Casey's Warrior's Club Wednesday and Thursday, Camp Caset's Hard ROK Cafe Friday, and Camp Nimble's Jackie B's Club March 5. All shows begin at 8 p.m. For information on MWR entertainment scheduling, call 732-6819.

Halo 2 Tourney

The Camp Casey Community Activity Center is hosting a Halo 2 Team "Assault" Tournament at 11 a.m. March 5. Pre-registration is required. For information, visit the Camp Casey CAC or call 730-4601.

Osan Shopping Trip

Osan overnight shopping tour is available at Camp Casey Community Activity Center March 5. Pre-registration is recommended due to the limited seating. The bus departs at 7 a.m. Call 730-4601 for information.

Boxing Competition

The Warrior Invitational Boxing Competition will be held at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House at 6 p.m. March 5. This event is open to active-duty members stationed on USFK installations in Korea. The weigh-ins and medical exams begins at 10 a.m. March 5. For information, call 732-6276.

Sunday Bowling Tournament

Visit and enjoy the Sunday Bowling Tournament, 1 p.m. every Sunday at Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center. The tournament will be a combination of Handicap, Scratch, 9-Pin No-Tap and 3-6-9. Also stay late to enjoy X-Treme Bowling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Pool Tournament

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center is hosting a pool tournament at 11 a.m. every Sunday. The winner will receive a coupon for dinner at Mitchell's. For information, call 732-6246.

10-Cent Wings

Ten-cent Chicken Wing Night (with purchase of a drink) is available at Camp Casey Primo's Express and Golf Course Club at 5 p.m. every Friday. For information, call the Camp Casey area club manager at 730-4334.

Customer Feedback Contest

Area I MWR has a unique customer feedback mechanism called Orange Customer Comment Card. Comment Cards are available at any MWR facility in Area I. Right now MWR is conducting a contest involving the Orange Customer Comment Card. Complete a Comment Card with your personal contact information on it. Drop it off at any U.S. mailbox. At the end of each month three names will be announced to receive a coupon for lunch, dinner or services at any area I MWR Club, Bowling Center or Golf Course. For information about the contest, call 732-6274.

Top-notch performers join 'Comedy ROKs'

Korea Region MWR

YONGSAN – Morale, Welfare & Recreation is bringing two famous comedians to perform for troops stationed throughout the Korean peninsula. Both Tommy Davidson and Joe Torry have numerous memorable roles under their belts.

Tommy Davidson has an impressive and extensive Hollywood resume including credits in stand up, television, motion pictures and music. Best known for his role in the original cast of *In Living Color*, he made viewers laugh with his hilarious impressions of Sammy Davis Jr., Spike Lee and Michael Jackson. Davidson starred opposite Jada Pinkett Smith in "Woo" and Halle Berry in "Strictly Business" in addition to a lead role in Spike Lee's "Bamboozled."

Currently Davidson can be seen co-hosting "The Fox NFL Show" with football greats Michael Irvin and Tony Siragusa. Davidson may also be recognized from one of his motion picture credits: "Booty Call," "The Proud Family," "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" or "Juwanna Mann."

Joe Torry is currently starring in a nationally touring play, "Love Makes Things Happen." His resume contains co-starring roles in films such as: "Poetic Justice" with Janet



Tommy Davidson



Joe Torry

Jackson and the late Tupac Shakur, Spike Lee's "Tales from the Hood," Eddie Murphy's "Harlem Nights," "Strictly Business," with Tommy Davidson, and "Fled," with Steven Baldwin and Laurence Fishburne.

A native of St. Louis, Torry works to bring Hollywood to the Midwest. He has played a significant role in the development of movie stages

and recording studios in the region. He also created the not-for-profit organization called Giving Back the Love Foundation in 1996.

MWR is dedicated to bringing quality entertainment to the military in Korea. All performances are open to military ID cardholders and are free of charge. For information, contact your local MWR Entertainment Office or call 723-3749.

Comedy ROKs will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday at Rodriguez Range's Dining Facility; 7 p.m. Saturday, Borderline Cafe at Camp Essayons; 8 p.m. Sunday, Yongsan's Main Post Club; 8 p.m. Tuesday, the Hideaway Club on Camp Carroll; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Camp Hialeah's Pusan Pub; 8 p.m. Thursday, Camp Walker's Evergreen Club; 7 p.m. March 4, Camp Casey's Primo's; 7 p.m. March 5, Mitchell's, Camp Red Cloud; and, 8 p.m. March 6, Camp Humphreys' Tommy D's.

Mid-race crash a setback for Army race team

By Maj. William Thurmond

Army News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA – Sometimes you get the bear. And sometimes the bear gets you.

At Thursday's NASCAR Nextel Cup 150 mile qualifying race for Sunday's Daytona 500, Joe Nemechek ran into a bear.

Nemechek's Army Chevrolet started the race on the second row in third position with his teammate Scott Riggs beside him in fourth. Another teammate, Boris Said, was behind him in the third row, poised to push his partner to the front and possibly into victory lane. And for a while, it looked like it might happen.

Then came lap 36 and a brutal, confusing crash in the second turn that sent Nemechek and five other drivers into the garage area for



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David Elenz, a race engineer on the 01 Army Chevrolet, steers the team's damaged racecar in Daytona's garage area.



MAJ. WILLIAM THURMOND

The Army 01 Chevrolet's pit crew in action during Thursday's Nextel 150 qualifying race for the 2005 Daytona 500. Driver Joe Nemechek was involved in an accident midway through the race, forcing him to drive a backup car in Sunday's Daytona 500.

extensive repairs.

Ryan Pemberton, the crew chief for the Army team, watched the wreck from pit road and waited out several anxious moments until it was clear that Nemechek was unhurt. "I saw him get out of the car and kick the tire."

"He (Nemechek) really didn't say anything. I can read his mind, and he's pretty upset," said Pemberton. "At least everybody's OK. We've got another great car. It's the one we ran in the Bud Shootout. We feel it's every bit as good as the one we had today."

"The teamwork was working great. It's too bad it didn't get a chance to play out. It was really coming together," said Pemberton.

Nemechek's teammate Scott Riggs finished in fifth position, while Boris Said finished in tenth.

Pemberton, who has worked as a

NASCAR chief for the past eight years, takes days like Thursday in stride. "The car was handling well and running fast, but stuff like that happens."

"That car ran well for us last year. It was on the pole at Talladega. It was in four races and had a good shot at the pole this weekend. It's kinda' like a friend. It's wounded right now, and we're taking care of it. But the deal is, we're going on. We've got to get ready for Friday's practice."

Pemberton noted that while the team was obviously disappointed, they were prepared.

"We've got a good backup car coming out of the trailer. We've got to prep it and get it ready for the 500," said Pemberton. "Sometimes a deal like this will put you at a deficit or put us behind, but this Army team is extremely well prepared."

Small ordnance unit keeps Korea ready to fight

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Camp Humphreys’ 52nd Ordnance Company, 6th Ordnance Battalion, has a big job to do.

“Most ordnance companies have from 120 to 160 Soldiers to do the mission,” said Warrant Officer Robby Hoskins, the accountable officer for the company. “We have 37 people: two officers, a warrant officer, two noncommissioned officers, four Soldiers, 23 Korean Service Corps employees and five Korean nationals to do the job. We maintain a 100-percent inventory, issue and receive munitions, receive and dispatch shipments, and conduct technical assistance visits.

“We manage more than 600 different types of ammunition and ordnance at five different depots for both American and Republic of Korea forces,” said Hoskins. “In all, we take care of about 10 percent of the Army’s total ordnance inventory, \$1.8 billion worth.”

The unit is responsible for everything from 9mm pistol ammunition to Stinger and Patriot missiles, even handling ammunition for weapons no longer in the U.S. inventory.

“Eight-inch guns have been phased out of our weapons inventory,” said Hoskins, “but they are still used by the Republic of Korea military so we keep stocks of eight-inch shells on hand, fresh and ready to issue at need.”

“Our biggest events are ‘retrograde’ shipments,” said Hoskins. “We pinpoint the material that is out of date or unusable for whatever reason, and ship it back to the states for re-manufacture or disposal.

“We also receive replenishment shipments – fresh munitions – and store them away properly.

“We keep busy,” he said. “We have a retrograde coming up and are in the process of getting shipping containers for the project. We expect to use about 110 containers, and each has to be properly blocked and braced to carry the 43,000-pound load before we can put it on a rail car for delivery to port.”

In addition to their normal workload the unit faced a 38-percent increase last year due to operational tempo.



(Top Left) Warrant Officer Robby Hoskins(center) discusses a scheduled inventory with Staff Sgt. Jered Yang (right), 52nd Ordnance Company Operations NCOIC, and a Korean employee. (Above) Staff Sgt. Jered Yang closes a new storage bunker after checking out a minor problem. (Far Left) Inventory requires some climbing as well as counting. (Left) Railroads play a major role in moving ordnance to and from the Song Hwan Depot, only nine-miles from Camp Humphreys.

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the Song Hwan Depot is being expanded and improved to support the evolving mission in Korea. New ordnance bunkers (bottom) are taking the place of older, above ground storage buildings.

NEWS & NOTES

ACS Offers Employment Seminar

Army Community Services is offering a free "Employment and Volunteer Awareness Seminar" March 11, with pre-registration required by March 8. The seminar will cover career planning and opportunities, resumes, the importance of volunteer work, dress for success, interview techniques, and a free lunch.

The seminar is open to everyone. The information will help people who are retiring and spouses who wish to work.

The seminar is in preparation for the ACS scheduled job fair in May, that is expected to have 16 to 22 companies represented.

For information or to register call 753-8321.

Education Opportunities

Soldiers who need to improve their basic reading and math skills have the opportunity in April when the education center brings "FAST Class" to Camp Humphreys. Attendance from 1 to 5 p.m., April 1 through April 29, must be approved by the commander. Call George Gagnon at 753-8907 for information and to register now.

Term IV college registration for Area III begins March 14 and goes through March 25 at the education center. For information or to register, stop by the education center. If your installation does not have an education center, call Bruce White at Camp Humphreys at 753-8909.

Meet the CPOC Time Change

Area III managers, supervisors and key personnel can meet Civilian Personnel Operations Center – Korea personnel from 8:30-11:30 a.m. March 8 at the Camp Humphreys Multi-Purpose Facility. An overview of the CPOC role and procedures will be presented, along with a general question-and-answer session. For information, call 753-3958.

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be available from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. today in the Camp Humphreys PX Mall. For information, call Area III Health Promotion Coordinator Marci Torres at 753-7657.

March Into Fitness

Fit your foot for running shoes at 7 a.m. March 1 after the Tuesday morning aerobics class in the Camp Humphreys post gym. Find out what type of foot you have and what the proper footwear is for you. Entire units can schedule time in March. Call Marci Torres at 753-7657.

BOSS All-Nighter

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a BOSS "All-Nighter" for all Area III Soldiers from 10 p.m.-9 a.m. March 4 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Entry fee is \$5. Events include X-Box and board games, movies, water basketball, big glove boxing and lots of other entertainment. For information, call 753-8825.

Online Hometown News

Promotions, reassignments, awards and participation in major field training exercises or sports events are important activities in a Soldier's career that can be recognized in a hometown newspaper. Complete a Hometown News Release online at area3.korea.army.mil/pao/hometown.html. For information, call 753-8847.

New commissary opens March 3, offers hundreds of new items

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – A 20,629 square foot commissary will open at 10:30 a.m. March 3 on Camp Humphreys.

Doosan Industrial & Development Company Ltd. began construction December 10, 2003 on the Defense Commissary Agency facility to replace the existing 8,313 square foot commissary that originally opened in 1952 as a canteen and was renovated as a commissary in 1988. Demolition of the old commissary and construction of a parking lot on that site will complete the project in early July.

The total cost of \$8,295,177 includes design, construction and equipment. Commissary surcharge funds paid for the entire project. Commissary shoppers purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

"Sales area square footage will more than triple and will provide space for 1,000 new items," said Willie Reliford, acting store manager.

He added that customers will be able to shop much larger produce, dairy, chill meat and chill/frozen departments. Shoppers can also special order cakes and bakery items; meat, cheese, fruit and vegetable trays; and special meat cuts from the Osan store.

"Numerous commissary gift certificates will be given away throughout the day and shoppers will find special pricing on selected 'Savings You've Earned' items throughout the store," said Nancy O'Neill of the Defense Commissary

Agency Public Affairs office in a prepared statement.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; closed Mondays; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.



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Hyon S. Cardona, a vendor from Osan, stocks shelves in preparation for Camp Humphreys commissary grand opening 10:30 a.m. March 3.

Aerobics certification opportunity draws 19 to class

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The Aerobics and Fitness Association of America sponsored an aerobics certification workshop Feb. 12 and 13 at Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center.

The two-day event drew 19 men and women from throughout Korea, who want to become physical fitness instructors and teach group exercise classes.

Headquartered in California, AFAA claims to be the world's largest fitness education and certification organization. It offers education and certification programs in 73 countries using 20 different languages.

Jill Casey, AFAA master trainer who led the workshop and acted as one of two certification examiners, said that AFAA certification tests an applicant's ability to conduct safe and effective exercise classes.



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Stacy Oliver-Skaggs (foreground) assumes a Yoga position during the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America-sponsored certification workshop at Camp Humphreys. Oliver-Skaggs was one of 19 people who attended the class Feb. 12-13.

Tech in the classroom

Smartboard holds students' attention, imagination

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Children in Kelli Gerlach's first grade class at Humphreys American Elementary School had a good time Feb. 3, and soaked up their lessons. They were immersed in their weekly visit to the school's computer lab where they were involved with a relatively new piece of technology – the Smartboard.

According to Chad Jimison, the school's education technologist, the Smartboard is an almost magical application.

"The Smartboard is a large whiteboard hooked to a computer and projection unit," he said. "It's interactive, reading the intention of the user by tracking marker-shaped stylists as the user moves across the face of the board. When a child uses the red marker to circle a word, a red circle appears around that word."

Programs give first graders the ability to explore the internet, practice their letters, create art or do anything else they could do with a personal computer. The big difference is that with the Smartboard they can collaborate.

Gerlach opens the lesson with "Silly Sentences."

"Who'd like to start?" she asks.

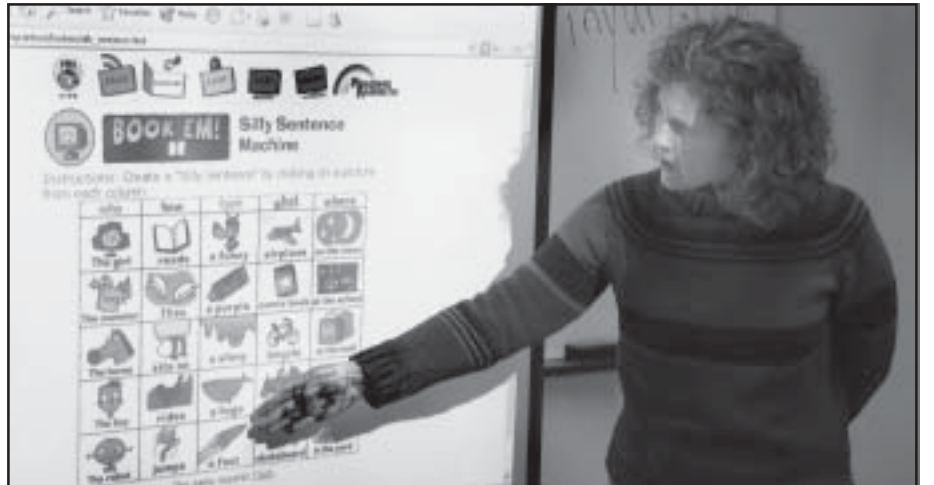
Twenty hands shoot into the air as the bright-eyed 6- and 7-year-olds vie with one another to be first. A young girl is selected and starts the sentence with "The monster."

One happy-faced child after another follows the first and they collectively turn that first phrase into a short sentence about a monster flying a purple skateboard at the mall. As the lesson continues the students, seemingly without even trying, learn about sentence structure, narration and about working together.

The Smartboard is only one piece of high-tech equipment students are using. Humphreys American Elementary School's computer lab consists of 19 permanent PC workstations with printers, scanners and other auxiliary equipment. In addition, there is a portable lab equipped with 20 laptop computers, that can be rolled away for use in any classroom.

Add to this the fact that each student in the school's fifth grade has a laptop assigned for his or her daily use and the fact strikes home – these students are as comfortable with computer technology as earlier students were with the chalkboard.

"The kids adapted to the computers quicker than the teachers," said Jimison. "They're sponges."



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

(Above) Kelli Gerlach, first-grade teacher at Humphreys American Elementary School, uses a Smartboard during the class' weekly visit to the computer lab. The Smartboard links a computer and projector to a whiteboard to enable interactive teaching. (Left) Six- and 7-year-old first graders are absorbed in "Silly Sentences." Each child adds a word or phrase to create a silly sentence.

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New Daegu mayors ready to 'make a difference'

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – Two new mayors from camps George and Walker have assumed their duties and are already making Area IV “a better place to live, work and play.”

The duo, Bonnie McCarthy, representing the Camp Walker housing area, and Nicole Nelson, from Mountain View Village on Camp George, will be formally introduced to the community at the peninsula-wide Family Readiness Group Rally March 5 at the Camp Walker Bowling Center.

The mayors, both volunteers, represent the residents of the housing areas in which they live. A primary function will be to represent residents to the command and serve as a liaison between residents and the command.

“The role of the mayor is the liaison for the community, not just housing,” said Cyndi Bisacre, U.S. Army Volunteer Corps coordinator for Area IV. “One of the main things we have to remember is they are volunteers. We don’t want people banging on their doors saying ‘fix this.’ Our approach is more like, ‘we are going to do this together as a community.’”

Rather than hold separate mayoral meetings with command representatives, as would be the case at larger installations, the mayors will attend quarterly Well Being Council meetings to resolve issues. Well Being Council participants include representatives from all of the command’s primary departments, such as the Directorate of Public Works, housing, provost marshal office, Army Community Service and many others.

Besides being a conduit for information from the “grass roots” level to the command level, this year’s mayors have plenty of personal initiatives they would like to implement.

Nelson indicated that she is interested in organizing

Daegu Housing Area Mayors

Name: Bonnie M. McCarthy
Housing Area: Camp Walker
How Long in Korea: 6 months
How many times in Korea: First time
E-mail: hmbm1225@aol.com



“I am living here in Taegu with my husband and daughter. I came from a military family, my father served for 30 years. I joined the Army as an administrative secretary, later serving as a radar operator and drill sergeant. I finished my 23-year career as a career counselor. I have a B.S. degree in social psychology. I am a master trainer for Army Family Team Building program and the secretary for the Taegu American School Parent Teacher Organization. In my spare time I volunteer wherever needed and play golf.”

Name: Nicole Nelson
Housing Area: Camp George
How Long in Korea: July 2004
How many times in Korea: First time
e-mail: Unese@earthlink.net



“I’ve been married and a military spouse for 17 years this coming July. My husband and I have a 7-year-old daughter. We’ve traveled extensively within the United States and Europe -- a perk of military service. I have been blessed to be a stay-at-home mom since the birth of my daughter. My previous profession: medical and auto insurance claims adviser. Before this tour I operated my own business in the event planning area, specializing in children’s birthday celebrations and tea parties for youth and adults. My family is looking forward to what’s in store for us within the next year.”

community yard sales, block parties and holiday celebrations at Camp George. She also hopes to create more opportunities for the youth who live and attend school on Camp George.

“This is an opportunity for community bonding,” she said. “I want people to feel like they are getting ownership.”

McCarthy said she would like to implement a “Yard of the Month” program and will look into seasonal community yard sales among other ideas.

Both mayors have started publishing community newsletters. The first edition of the Camp Walker newsletter was distributed last week.

McCarthy and Nelson are excited to be on board. “I wanted to be mayor so that I could be a new voice,” McCarthy said. “Camp Walker is in a transition phase. I would like to convey the feelings of the community and

hopefully help the transition be a smooth one.”

“I resolved that I would make the best of this tour for my family as I have in other tours,” Nelson said. “One way I can do that is by using my voice to echo the challenges we are facing along with so many other people.”

In the Daegu area, nominations for mayor are accepted in October and elections are held in November. New mayors receive training in December and begin their one-year terms in January.

At Camp Hialeah the mayor is appointed by the installation commander from a pool of candidates who express interest in the position.

Camp Carroll has no mayor as the installation has no on-post family housing areas.

For information regarding the peninsula-wide Family Readiness Group Rally, call Kimberly S. Leavell-Adams at 768-7112/6115, or 019-847-0954.

Down & Dirty



GALLEN PUTNAM

Senior Aaron Dick attempts to dribble past defenders Lee Sang-jin (right, approaching ball), a freshman, and senior Dustin Page (center), during a drizzly and muddy Taegu American School boys varsity soccer practice Wednesday. The TAS boys and girls varsity teams kick-off their seasons March 1 at Taegu International Christian School.

Area IV commander shares message at KVA convention 05'

By Kevin Jackson

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – It was ironic that on a Soldiers’ training holiday the Area IV Support Activity’s top leader received a living history lesson while meeting with veterans from the Korean War.

Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander, addressed an estimated 300 Korean Veteran’s Association Gyeongsangbuk-do Chapter members during its 46th Annual Convention at the Interburgo Hotel in Daegu Feb. 18.

“As you know all too well, freedom is not free. Those of you here in this room understand the sacrifices made for freedom far better than most people,” Hendrix said.

“The Korean Veteran’s Association keeps the memory of sacrifice alive not only by honoring the survivors of the Korean War, but also by honoring veterans from Korea,

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Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting for single and unaccompanied Soldiers will be 6 p.m. Monday in the Area IV Support Activity conference room in Bldg. S-1211 on Camp Henry. Topics of discussion include Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, the Interactive Customer Evaluation feedback system and unaccompanied housing. This is the forum to ask questions of Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander, and other community organizations that provide important services. For information, call Kevin Jackson at 768-7604.

Celebrity Comedy Show

MWR presents the "Comedy ROKs" celebrity show featuring Tommy Davidson and Joe Torry: 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Hideaway Club on Camp Carroll; 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the Busan Pub on Camp Hialeah; and 8 p.m. Thursday, at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. The show is open to all ID cardholders. Material may not be suitable for children 17 and younger. For information, call Luis Rios at 768-7418.

Camp Walker Library

The library will reopen at noon Tuesday following renovation. For information, call Pan, Un-Hwan at 764-4218.

USACCK Closure

The U.S. Army Contracting Command-Korea, Taegu Branch will reopen Monday at Bldg. 1815 on Camp Henry. For information, call Maj. Melody Charles at 011-9891-7430.

Family Readiness Group Rally

The Area IV Army Community Service is hosting a peninsula-wide Family Readiness Group rally 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. March 5 at the Camp Walker Bowling Center. There will be many activities such as bowling, face painting and arm wrestling contests. For information, call Persis Oh-Gedemer at 768-7112/7610.

TAS students excel at Far East speech, drama festival in Okinawa

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP GEORGE – Five Taegu American School students won medals for their performances at the 2005 Far East Speech and Drama Festival held Feb. 8–12 at Kubaski High School in Okinawa.

Junior Matt Lamunyan received a gold medal in the solo event category for his monolog "Home Front." Taking silver in the same category was freshman Harry Holmes, who presented the monolog "Stoltzed on Motorcycles."

Sophomore Monica Baltich won a silver medal in the oral interpretation (poetry) category for her three-fold portrait piece "Out, Out," "The World is a Beautiful Place" and "Cause I Could Not Stop for Death."

Freshman Rebecca King and sophomore Nicole Reed teamed-up for a silver medal in the duo event, performing the skit "Open to Interpretation."

Carroll performer shoots for Soldier Show**By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun**

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – A talented Area IV Soldier has a strong shot at joining 19 other gifted Soldiers from throughout the Army to travel the world and provide high-quality entertainment to fellow Soldiers as a member of the Soldier Show.

Spc. David Linson, 229th Signal Company, 307th Signal Battalion at Camp Carroll has been invited to audition live for the 2005 edition of the show after winning the instrumental solo category at the 2005 U.S. Army Margaret "Skippy" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow entertainment contest held Jan. 23 at Fort Belvoir, Va. He also earned \$4,000 for Camp Carroll's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program by finishing second overall in the best of show category.

"Coming in second place (in best of show) as a saxophone player is a great thing because the singers usually dominate the best in show category," said Linson, who played a saxophone rendition of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together" at the contest. "It's awesome."

"(Linson) is a great musician and a great performer," said Glenn Groome, community life officer, Camp Carroll MWR. "I personally enjoy his performance and I think it is a great thing which he deserves."

In addition to his success at the contest, Linson enjoyed the time he spent mingling and working with the best musicians in the Army.

"They were great," Linson said. "I got to meet a lot of musicians, a lot of singers and I have actually done a few things with them. Everybody at the competition was great at what they do. I got to sing and play with them a few times and I had fun the whole time I was there."

Linson, who was born and raised at Sherman, Texas, began his musical career when he was in elementary school.

"Fifth grade was when I first had a chance to pick up an instrument that I wanted to learn," the 20-year-old said. "I started with saxophone. Saxophone was the very first instrument I ever picked up."

Saxophone is not only his first instrument; it is his favorite as well.

"That's why I chose to play saxophone for the contest," Linson said. "I also thought about playing piano or guitar, but I knew saxophone is something different and everybody loves the sound of it."

Since he started playing music, Linson has mastered an array of instruments in addition to the saxophone including guitar, bass guitar, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, violin, drums, piano and flute.

On top of that, he can sing too.

"I try to be versatile," said Linson, who also writes and arranges music. "I love doing anything I can with music. If I could play music all day long, I would. Every time I play music is the high point of my day. Music is my life and my love."

According to Linson, his father is the one who taught him the love of music and nurtured his talent.

"My father has been my mentor and my inspiration for music," said Linson. "He was the drum major and played tuba at Sherman High School, which is the same school I went to. He taught himself several instruments while serving at church like drums and guitar. He is the one who taught me everything I know about music."

Aside from his father, Linson said he grew up listening to and is inspired by Earth, Wind and Fire, Al Green, John Coltrane and other jazz and blues musicians.



Spc. David Linson

"I grew up listening to old school," he said. "(Jazz and blues) are what my musical style is built upon."

Linson, who is a visual documentation specialist, is well-known to his peers and superiors not only as a sensational musician, but also as an excellent Soldier.

"(Linson) is a well-developed, outstanding Soldier," said 1st Sgt. Cecil Tucker, 229th Sig. Co., 307th Sig. Bn. "I don't like the fact that I will be losing a Soldier like him for nine months (to the Soldier Show), but from what I have seen of him, he is also an outstanding musician and I know he will do good things as a part of the Soldier Show team. I don't exactly know how many instruments he can play, but he is jack of all trades."

According to Linson, he is looking forward to and is excited to be a part of this year's Soldier Show, which showcases the talents of active-duty Soldiers. He will be leaving his unit next month for the live audition March 20. Linson will be one of 21 Soldiers invited to audition for 20 openings, so the odds of making the cut are extremely favorable. If he is accepted to join the team, Linson will tour military installations around the world, including Korea and Germany, through November.

"I am going to have a blast being in the Soldier Show," Linson said. "I love performing in front of large groups of people. I love being out front. I love to see people enjoy what I do because I work hard at it."

Linson still has three years left in his enlistment. He said once his time is up, he hopes to teach what he knows to others.

"After I get out (of the Army) I want to teach music," he said. "I want to pass on my love and knowledge of music to other people."

Cultural ties strengthened over dinner, movie**By Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams**

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER - Cadets from the Republic of Korea Third Military Academy joined Soldiers from Area IV for a night of cultural understanding over dinner and a movie Feb. 16 at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker.

The 19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office regularly sponsors "Dinner and a Movie Night" to provide the Korean community an opportunity to interact with the military community in a relaxed, social environment, said Maj. David. P. Doherty, public affairs officer, 19th TSC.

The movie selection alternates between U.S. and Korean movies, said Doherty. This month, the movie selection was "Taegukgi," a Korean film about two brothers drafted during the Korean War.

"We choose this movie based on the audience," he said. "Since we had cadets attending this month, we wanted to highlight both the service and sacrifice that the South Koreans have displayed in the defense of their nation and to help better educate and remind people of why our alliance has remained strong for 53 years."

"This movie reflects our country," said Cadet Park Hyun-chal, who said he enjoyed the evening and hoped to have more interaction with U.S. Soldiers in the future.

"We don't usually have this kind of opportunity to speak with U.S. Soldiers," said Cadet Kang Han-seok. "I had a really good time talking with people tonight."

For the U.S. Soldiers, the feeling was mutual. "It was a nice experience," said 2nd Lt. Nathaina Smith, 348th Quartermaster Company. Smith, who

has only been in country one month, said she enjoyed the interaction with the future Korean officers.

"I went to West Point, so we compared the academies and talked about the difficulties and challenges with attending them," she said.

More Dinner and a Movie Nights are scheduled, Doherty said. The next one is planned for March 10, with local Korean schoolteachers attending.

Any military, civilian employee or family member who wishes to interact with the Korean community, and learn about each others' similarities and differences, is welcome to attend the event, Doherty said. The only cost is for the meal at the ECC.

Anyone interested in attending the event March 10 or in the future, should contact No, Won-hyon, 19th TSC Public Affairs Office, at 768-7477.

Cultures find common ground at Busan library's American Corner

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

BUSAN – When Americans and Koreans get together for conversation, the exchange is typically muted, polite and conservative in order to avoid potential embarrassment or offense. Thursday afternoons at the Simin Municipal Library in Busan are a different story altogether as discussion ranges from such heavy topics as politics, religion and philosophy to lighter banter about things like American television shows and tangerines from Jeju-do.

Koreans interested in American culture and language meet with Betsy VanderWerf, a volunteer from Camp Hialeah, who moderates the weekly sessions at the American Corner in the Busan Metropolitan Simin Municipal Library.

“It is very fun. It’s not just me talking. I do as much listening and learning as anything,” VanderWerf said. “At first I wasn’t sure what to expect. I wondered if I might be challenged or harassed but it has never been like that. It has been very enlightening. We have a very kind, intelligent group.”

The United States Embassy in Russia conceived the American Corners concept in the late 1990s. Since then more than 155 American Corners have been established in more than 28 countries in an effort to expand communication and improve information exchange between Americans and residents of other nations.

The American Corner, a 600 square foot enclave, contains more than 800 books, DVDs, CDs and other media highlighting American history and culture.

“We have 20-30 people visit every day to read books and magazines, watch DVDs and listen to CDs,” said Kim Joo-shick, a volunteer interpreter. “We hope more Korean people come here to learn about Americans.”



GALEN PUTNAM

Betsy VanderWerf (second from left), a volunteer from Camp Hialeah, meets with a group of Koreans interested in learning about the United States at the American Corner in the Simin Municipal Library in Busan.

Although the research and entertainment materials are extensive, nothing compares to first-hand experience. On a recent Thursday four women and five men joined VanderWerf in spirited banter. Some participants attend frequently.

“We started with generalities like customs, history and geography,” VanderWerf said. “We have progressed far beyond that. Sometimes we delve into deeply philosophical conversations and sometimes we discuss technical issues. Politics and religion also come up a lot as they would in any conversation. The important thing is we all get the opportunity to learn about each other and get a better appreciation for varying points of view.”

Participants enjoy not only the opportunity to polish their English conversation skills but the repartee and camaraderie as well.

“I saw a flyer and decided to attend. I like English

and wanted a chance to speak English,” said Park Hyun-jun who lived in Vancouver, Canada, for two years and has attended about 10 sessions at the Busan American Corner. “I like to meet foreigners and make foreign friends.”

In addition to the facility’s extensive resources, interaction is a key attribute according to American Corner Director Nam Hyun-young.

“It is wonderful to have people of different cultures come together for a common cause,” she said. “We are lucky here in Busan because we have an American community willing to come out and support the American Corner.”

VanderWerf didn’t think twice when she heard about the opportunity to provide support.

“I volunteered as soon as I heard they were looking for someone to conduct one-on-one interaction,” she said. “At first I felt I had an obligation to help dispel myths but I’ve never had to be defensive. Our conversations have always been cordial and sincere. The participants truly take an interest in what we (as Americans) think and how we feel.”

The Busan American Corner, the first in Korea, opened Feb. 5, 2004. The facility’s one-year anniversary was celebrated Wednesday with a variety of activities, highlighted by a visit from new U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Christopher Hill. The Daegu American Corner, located in the Daegu Metropolitan Jungang Library, opened March 19, 2004. It will celebrate its anniversary next month.

Individuals interested in volunteering at the Busan or Daegu American Corners are encouraged to contact their installation volunteer coordinator. In Daegu, call Cyndi Bisacre at 768-8121. In Busan, call Yujin Cha or Steven Wegley at 763-3571/7745.

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19th TSC, ROKA 5th LSC sign partnership agreement

By Sgt. Jimmy Norris

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY - More than 40 Republic of Korea and U.S. Army Soldiers gathered at Camp Henry to witness the signing of a partnership agreement between the 19th Theater Support Command and the ROK Army's 5th Logistics Support Command.

On hand to sign the agreement were 19th TSC Commander, Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, and 5th LSC Commander, Brig. Gen. Kim Dong-wook.

"Today we extend our hands in friendship as we learn about each other's organizations (and meet new friends)," said McHale early in the event.

The event started with a group photo outside 19th TSC Headquarters at Camp Henry. Following that,

attendees proceeded to the command conference room, where representatives from both 19th TSC and 5th LSC presented command overview briefings, showcasing the capabilities and missions of each organization.

After the briefings, attendees boarded buses to Camp Walker, where they were treated to lunch at the 19th TSC Dining Facility.

Following lunch, everyone returned to Camp Henry, where McHale and Kim signed the official partnership agreement.

According to 19th TSC Chief of Staff Col. Steven M. Green, the event was about more than just signing a piece of paper. It was about building a relationship.

"They have a similar mission to that of the 19th TSC. As a result there are opportunities to exchange technical and tactical information at the staff and command levels,"

he said. "There will be opportunities to combine training, observe command and control operations, and possibly to do some combined leader professional development."

Initiated more than five years ago by former 19th TSC Commander, Maj. Gen. Barry Bates, the partnership has been renewed each time either organization changes leadership. Past activities within the partnership have included briefings, athletic competitions, a military driving competition and language lessons.

McHale said he and Kim are hoping to expand the partnership in the near future.

"We are excited to go past briefings and social occasions and rodeos and get into some real training – maybe convoy operations or live-fire exercises. We're excited about the opportunities," McHale said.

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the United States and other countries from other armed conflicts at ceremonies throughout the year. The tireless endeavors of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Chapter are highly commendable," he added.

Hendrix also told the KVA he has a special place in his heart for Korean veterans and that by speaking to them he was also honoring one of their comrades – his father. Retired Sgt. Maj. James Hendrix served in the Republic of Korea with the 10th Corps Artillery and 8th Army during the Korean War, from 1950 through 1953. He participated in the Hungnam evacuation, served within the Busan Perimeter, and was part of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's bold amphibious landing at Incheon Sept. 15,

1950. He retired at Fort Stewart, Ga., in 1971, following a one-year tour of duty with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam.

The grateful audience responded with a thunderous applause before the commander concluded his remarks by expressing his appreciation to the nation's veterans.

"On behalf of the American Soldiers and civilian employees living and working in Gyeongsangbuk-do, I offer you my heartfelt appreciation and admiration for your sacrifices and great works in support of all Soldiers – past, present and those who will continue to serve in the Republic of Korea in the future," Hendrix said. "I also congratulate you on your selfless services to this great nation and

for your strong support of the ROK-U.S. alliance."

The annual convention began with dignitaries marching into the large dining room in the first floor of the hotel to the playing of marches performed by the 50th Homeland Reserve Division Band. It was followed by a salute to the ROK flag, playing of the Korean national anthem, a reading of the KVA resolution and an awards and scholarships presentation to distinguished members.

Maj. Gen. Kim Sang-ki, commander of the 50th Homeland Reserve Division in Daegu, was the senior ranking active-duty officer in attendance. He was joined by numerous retired flag officers from the KVA, Hendrix and Wilfred Plumley, Camp Carroll

installation manager.

KVA Gyeongsangbuk-do Chapter President Moon Jong-wan, a retired ROK Army colonel, provided the opening remarks. Retired Gen. Yi Sang-hoon, the current national KVA president and former ROK National Defense minister, delivered remarks of encouragement to the members. Gyeongsangbuk-do Governor Lee Eui-geun and Hendrix offered their congratulations.

There are more than 6.5 million registered Korean Veteran's Association members throughout the nation, including an estimated 600 Medal of Honor recipients, according to Pak Chong-ku, Area IV Support Activity, Camp Carroll, community relations officer.

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교토의정서에 대하여

일병 서기철

지구의 환경을 지키고자 하는 각국의 노력이 결집된 교토의정서가 2월 16일 발효된 가운데 상당수 과학자들은 더 많은 폭염과 기근, 홍수를 유발함으로써 2100년에는 해수면을 91cm가량 상승시킬 것으로 우려되는 온실가스의 배출을 막아야 한다고 주장하고 있다. 교토의정서는 발전소나 공장, 자동차 등에서 화석연료를 태울 때 배출돼 지구 온도상승의 주요인이 되는 이산화탄소를 줄이는데 초점을 맞추고 있다. 이번호에서는 날이 갈수록 심각해져가는 환경문제를 인식하고 인류공존을 위한 노력의 결집인 교토의정서에 대하여 알아보도록 하자.

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국가들 사이에 이해가 엇갈림에 따라 기후변화협약에서 온실효과기체를 강력하게 규제하기는 어려웠다. 대부분의 국가들이 온실효과기체를 방출하는 화석연료의 사용기간 감축일정을 구체화하고 국가별 의무규정을 정하는 데 반대하였으며, 탄소 세 부과나 에너지 효율기준 설정에도 반대하였다. 이에 따라 기후변화협약에서는 국가간의 약속사항과 온실효과기체 배출의 자발적 제한에 중점을 두게 되었으며, 그대신 협약 내용을 보완하고 구체적인 감축의무와 감축일정을 포함하고 있는 의정서를 채택할 수 있도록 규정하고 있다(제 17조). 이러한 배경에서 기후협약이 채택된 때로부터 5년 후인 1997년에 교토의정서가 채택되었다.

**주요 내용

교토 의정서에 따르면 선진국가들에게 구속력있는 온실가스 배출의 감축목표(quantified emission limitation & reduction objects: QELROs)를 설정하고, 5년 단위의 공약기간을 정해 2008년-2012년까지 36개국 선진국 전체의 배출량을 1990년 대비 5.2%까지 감축할 것을 규정하고 있다(1차 의무 감축 대상국).

개별적으로 EU는 -8%, 미국은 -7%, 일본은 -6%, 캐나다는 -6%등으로 규정되었다. OECD 회원국들은 이 기간동안 1990년 대비 5% 이상의 온실가스를 감축하도록 하였다.

감축대상 온실가스는 이산화탄소, 아산화질소, 메탄, 불화탄소, 수소화불화탄소, 불화유황 등이다.

그밖의 국가들 중 2차 의무 감축 대상국은 2013-2017까지 온실가스의 배출을 감축하도록 되어있다. 이와같이 교토의정서는 국가별 감축목표에 차별화를 인정하되 감축수준은 전체적으로 상향조정하고 있다.

2001년 미국이 교토의정서를 탈퇴한 후 같은 해 7월 16일 독일 본에서 열린 기후변화협약 당사국회의에서는 국가들간의 협상을 통해 교토의정서의 일본은 +1.7%, 캐나다는 +4.1%로 확정하였다. 의정서의 발효를 위해 일본과 캐나다 등 온실가스 대량배출국가에 대폭 양보를 한 것이다.

교토의정서의 발효조건은 온실가스 배출량의 55%를 차지하는 55개국 이상의 비준이다. 비준국가 전체의 방출량은 44.2%로, 11% 가까이 부족한 상태이다.

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교토 의정서는 이와 같은 온실가스 감축목표 달성을 위해 신축적인 제도를 채택하고 있다.

1. 청정개발제도(CDM): 선진국이 개도국에 자본과 기술을 투자하여 온실가스 저감사업을 벌이고 이 과정에서 발생한 온실가스 배출감축분을 자국의 감축실적Credits으로 인정받고, 개도국은 사업과정에서 기술이전 및 재정지원의 혜택을 보며, Credits중 일부는 기후변화에 취약한 국가의 적응비용 및 행정비용으로 사용하는 제도

2. 배출권 거래제도(ET): 온실가스 감축의무가 있는 선진국이 자국에 할당된 양을 기초로 추가감축분을 다른 나라에 배출권으로 사고 팔 수 있도록 하는 제도

3. 공동이행제도: 선진국간에 공동으로 온실가스 감축사업을 할 때 이를 인정하는 제도

4. 이산화탄소 흡수원의 상계: 삼림과 농지 등 이산화탄소 흡수원을 상계하여 온실가스 총량에 포함시킨다. 즉 화석연료의 연소에 의해 이산화탄소를 배출하는 양과 삼림, 농지 등이 흡수하는 양을 계산하여 QELROs에 포함시킨다.

**우리나라의 입장

우리나라는 우리나라는 2002년 11월 8일 교토의정서를 비준하였다.

아직 교토의정서에 따르는 법적 의무는 부담하고 있지 않으나 OECD 회원국으로서 멕시코와 더불어 온실가스 감축 압력을 받고 있다. 우리나라는 2차 의무 감축 대상국이 될 가능성이 높으며, 이에 따라 2013-2017년까지 온실가스를 감축해야 할 것이다.

일단 당사국 총회에서 감축의무국가로 지정이 되면 법적 구속력을 부담할 수밖에 없으며, 머지 않아 이 문제가 타결이 될 전망이므로 이에 대한 대비를 해야 할 것으로 보인다.

우리나라는 경제규모에 비해 온실가스 배출량이 엄청나게 많다. 즉 "에너지 다소비형 산업구조"로 되어 있어서 에너지 소비증가율 및 이산화탄소 배출증가율이 선진국과 비교하여 매우 높은 수준이다.

2000년기준 이산화탄소 배출량은 세계9위(433.5백만톤)에 달하며, 1990년-1997년 온실가스 배출량은 1.7배 증가하고, 1인당 온실가스 배출량도 동일 기간중 1.8배 증가하였다.

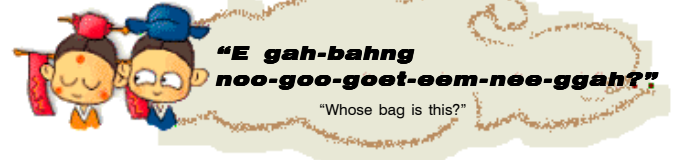
이는 철강, 석유화학산업 등 에너지 다소비업종의 비중 증가에 따른 것이다. 따라서 우리나라는 석유를 많이 쓰는 경제구조를 적게 쓰는 경제구조로 전환해 나가야한다. 에너지를 적게 쓰는 고부가가치 산업 육성, 배출가스 저감기술 개발 등을 추진해야 할 것이다.

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"Kyoto Protocol."

Learn Korean Easily



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Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
g	n	d	r, l	m	b	sh, s	ng	j	ch	k	t
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ			ㅃ			ㅆ			ㅊ
gg		dd			bb			ss			jj
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ			ㅣ
ah	yah	oe	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue			ee
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅡ			ㅣ
ae		yeh		weh	wah	wuh	wee				ui

Word of the week

가방

ㄱ ; g , ㅏ ; ah /
ㅍ ; b , ㅑ ; ah , o ; ng
'gah-bahng'

bag

The phrase of the week

"That bag is mine."

그 가방은 제것입니다.

Gue gah-bahng-uen jeh-goet-eem-nee-dah.

that bag - is mine

Conversation of the week

뭐 찾으세요?	What are you looking for?
Mwoe chah-jue-seh-yo?	
(차) 열쇠를 찾습니다.	I am looking for my (car) key.
(Chah) yoel-sweh-ruel	
chah-suem-nee-dah.	
어디쯤 두셨어요?	Where did you put it around?
Oe-dee-jjuem	
doo-syoe-soe-yo?	
기억이 안납니다.	I can't remember.
Gee-oek-ee	
ahn-nahm-nee-dah.	
같이 찾아봅시다.	Let's look for it together.
Gah-chee	
chah-jah-bohp-see-dah.	
고맙습니다.	Thank you very much.
Goh-mahp-suem-nee-dah.	

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